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Marines' mission extended to Sat.

U.S. Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 31, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, distribute water to local civilians during typhoon relief efforts on Saipan, Aug. 11, 2015. U.S. MARINE CORPS/GUNNERY SGT. ISMAEL PENA

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The mission of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard USS *Ashland* to provide drinking water to Saipan has been extended until Saturday.

» Marines to continue providing potable water

True to her 24-hour response time, Joint Region Marianas Commander Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar told *Saipan Tribune* about the approval yesterday through Joint Region Marianas public affairs

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FEMA OKs $22M for public assistance programs

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved more public infrastructure assistance programs for the CNMI government.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said FEMA approved a budget of $22 million for the additional categories.

"This morning, FEMA approved the additional categories," Inos said.

Inos said FEMA approved the following public assistance programs: Category "C" (roads and bridges), "D" (water control facilities), "E" (building and equipment), "F" (utilities), and "G" (parks and recreational facilities).

CNMI departments can now identify projects under the categories and start working on these projects.

FEMA initially approved public assistance limited to two programs: Category "A" (debris removal) and Category "B" (emergency protective measures).

Joint Information Center coordinator Ivan Blanco clarified

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Torres: Donate to 'whoever you wish'

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Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres clarified yesterday the Inos administration's comment regarding donations being sent to the CNMI through various organizations.

"The administration's concept to receive donations is aimed at providing a clear and central location for funding with the hope of supporting the goals of our many community organizations," Torres said in a statement yesterday.

"If you have something to donate to this recovery effort, I strongly hope and pray that you do and do so in whatever way and to whoever you wish," he added.

» Warehouse sought for storing incoming relief items

Last week, Gov. Eloy S. Inos said he would recommend all donations to be coursed through the government so that there will be a "measure of accountability" but he also made it clear that it is "up to the donor."

"I want to apologize if there

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Navy: Chiget range poses health risks

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The Department of Navy has raised "priority levels" for the cleanup of the old Chiget Mortar Range on Tinian, noting potential risks to human health that warrant cleanup and further study, according to their latest findings.

The Navy has upgraded the firing range to a "level 3 priority," under their Military Munitions Response Program, or MMRP. The lowest priority is level 8; the highest is level 1. The range used to be at level 4.

"The lower the score, the higher the priority for future work," the Navy writes. They plan to release a "draft reme-

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Local

Mangilao donates more than $4K to Saipan relief

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On behalf of Mangilao, Mayor Nonito Blas donated $4,265.70 to Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang that would go to post-Typhoon Soudelor relief and recovery efforts on the island

The check was given to the Saipan Mayor's Office by former Saipan lawmaker Antonio Agulto.

Apatang said he held a teleconference call with Blas early Monday morning and accepted the generous gift from both Blas and the community of Mangilao.

"We'd like to thank families and friends in Mangilao and we will always remember their thoughtfulness and families here who have lost almost everything," Apatang said.

The community of Mangilao and Blas fundraised for the purpose of helping families in need after Typhoon Soudelor destroyed homes and displaced families on Saipan.

Blas said that families here on Saipan were one of the top priorities.

"It is our duty to help them in any way we can. The community of Mangilao came together as one, with a single mission and that was to give to those who sustained losses a chance to recover and at least provide for some basic needs," Blas said.

Apatang said the donation will be used to purchase supplies, drinking water, and other necessities for families in great need.

Apatang said they will also be coordinating with the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter on how best to maximize the donation so that more would benefit.

"The amount of help pouring in is overwhelming and very touching and we're very thankful to have families and friends in Mangilao," Apatang said.

Saipan Mayor's Office special assistant Henry Hofschneider said that Blas himself reached out to Apatang first.

"We're not sure if we will be receiving relief efforts from the other mayors in Guam but they might donate," Hofschneider said.

Tinian and Rota mayors have already turned in their donations in the weeks after Typhoon Soudelor and the money was disbursed to the public through non-profit groups that received the donations.

8 police cars blew out tires during rescue operations

»DPS chief recalls frustration in trying to rescue cop's wife

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At least eight police cars had blown out tires at the height of Typhoon Soudelor, with officers trying to respond to 911 calls and offering assistance, according to Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero.

Asked by *Saipan Tribune* about some people's concerns about police not responding to 911 calls in the middle of typhoon, Deleon Guerrero said many police officers were really frustrated because they could not get to the victims to rescue them.

Deleon Guerrero said the roads were choked with a lot of debris and fallen trees that prevented officers from reaching people's homes.

"We cannot reach their house. Roads were littered with debris at that time," he said. "I wish we could share what was going on in terms of the [911] recordings that came in."

The commissioner disclosed that a police officer's spouse actually was screaming and begging on the phone for the police to rescue her and their minor children at their house in As Perdido.

"We were trying our very best to get to them. We were using machetes, axes, whatever we can to get into her and we just couldn't," Deleon Guerrero said.

At some point during the storm, he recalled, the rescuers could no longer go out because it was just too dangerous.

"There were flying roofing tins on the roads. There were metal objects that were flying and hitting our cars," he said.

The commissioner said they weren't able to rescue the spouse and her children until after the storm.

He said they just advised her to seek shelter wherever their closest family members or neighbors are.

Deleon Guerrero said the spouse and her children ran to the neighbor's house for safety.

During typhoon, it's too dangerous to go on the roads, which are inaccessible not only to police officers but everybody else, even firefighters and medics, he added.

Hospital accepting patients with special needs

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With recovery efforts still ongoing on Saipan and despite the high number of patients it already has, the Commonwealth Health Center has still been accepting patients with special needs.

With the high needs of those that require special medical attention, there is room for them at the hospital, according to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña.

She said they are mandated to accommodate patients who require a power source for their medical equipment.

The hospital is now back on the power grid of the Commonwealth utilities Corp.

Majority of special needs patients who lost their homes require a power source for their medical equipment such as oxygen generators.

While a power source was not readily available after the typhoon, the hospital still accepted them and housed them during the first week of the disaster.

"We're taking them in because of their dependency on power source for their medical equipment," said Warren Villagomez, CHCC public health and hospital emergency preparedness program director. "We're tailoring areas to accommodate them and it is part of our goal.

He assured that the hospital continues to reach out to the community One example was the recent storm when "we reached out to pregnant women to come in and we are still sending messages to potential patients that may face threats from the environment that require medical equipment."

There are about 16 special needs patients at the hospital, most of whom require oxygen.

The hospital's wards are maxed out as of Tuesday, Aug. 18, with the hospital census at 74.

"We have a plan that we haven't activated yet but we are steadily going through that and we are going beyond the actual number of capacities at the hospital. We can open an area and shift it," Villagomez said.

"We haven't utilized the new building and dialysis is maintained and there isn't any flux in the numbers at the dialysis but they do have general admissions," he added.

For special need patients at home, the hospital doesn't provide homecare and they need to check themselves in or by a family member.

The CHCC encourages anyone who is sick to seek medical care.

"We want to respond to the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor by making sure that we are even stronger and even better prepared in the future. The enhanced early warning alert and response system is one of many examples of how we are committed to protecting children, families, and communities of the CNMI, " Muña said.

Best Sunshine donates equipment and manpower to mayor's office

Best Sunshine Int'l. Ltd., Saipan's biggest investor, has taken direct action to alleviate Saipan's already debilitating situation caused by Typhoon Soudelor. The investor has initiated assistive measure by offering continuous assistance to community leaders and disaster relief arms of the government.

With the vast majority of the island in a state of ruin and destruction, government officials are continually putting their efforts in cleaning up debris and creating safe passage for residents and motorists by cutting down precarious branches of fallen trees, unsteady utility poles, and litter all over the island.

Seeing the need for the cleanup to be accomplished more quickly, Best Sunshine donated four chainsaws and 30 safety vests for the use of the office of Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang. In conjunction with the donation of equipment is the hiring of 30 temporary workers who are assigned as manpower for the cleanup. These temporary workers are selected by the mayor's office while wages for their services are completely paid for by Best Sunshine. The time frame allocated for the services of these temporary workers will be for a period of 90 days.

Mark Brown, CEO of Best Sunshine, along with Tao Xing, CSO of Imperial Pacific, LLC, have expressed the company's commitment to the typhoon relief and recovery efforts of the Saipan government.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Temporary workers hired by Best Sunshine International, Ltd. and assigned to the Saipan Mayor's Office help in cleaning up the island in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

Henry Chlarson, a 19-year-old resident who is assigned as one of the temporary workers, says, "I'm proud to be part of this group. Of course, I am very grateful to Best Sunshine for the assistance and support they are giving, which not only helps us as individuals secure a temporary job, but also, on a wider range, helps the entire community. Hopefully, there will be more people who are willing to come in and sign up for this cleanup because this is our home, our island."

Another temporary worker, 35-year-old Fernando Sanchez, says, "I'm very happy with Best Sunshine for giving us this opportunity. They made their aid visible. People see us on Beach Road and hopefully this will encourage them to help clean up our island. Our next plan is to go to the villages and help them clean up their debris. I also thank our mayor for working together with Best Sunshine." (***BSI***)

Kannat Tabla residents seek help with water supply, uncleared branches

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Retired ports police assistant chief Ray Agulto is urging the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., government, and lawmakers to look into the water situation in Kannat Tabla as well as dangling tree branches on the road in the area.

Agulto requested CUC to open the water pipeline into Kannat Tabla at least one to two hours a day so they could refill their tanks.

"I don't think they need a generator to open it because it's a gravity flow from the mountain. Just let the water flow," said Agulto in an interview yesterday.

Saipan Tribune visited Kannat Tabla on Tuesday and observed CUC personnel and police detectives providing free water to people from a fire hydrant near CMS Quarry leading to inside Kannat Tabla.

A police detective said they opened the hydrant on Monday to provide free water supply to residents staying in the southern part of the island.

Agulto said his relative called CUC regarding water supply to Kannat Tabla and was informed that there was no manpower to install the generator needed to run the pump.

Agulto said CUC opened 11 water stations on the island, but there was nothing in Kannat Tabla.

"Some people are already frustrated," he said.

He said over 100 families in Kannat Tabla have no water supply.

Agulto also asked the government or the Saipan Mayor's Office to remove all the dangling branches along the narrow Kannat Tabla road.

"It's 19 days already after Typhoon Soudelor, but there's still a lot of branches hanging and waiting to fall," he said.

Agulto said it was actually Kannat Tabla residents who cleared the road of debris after the typhoon, using borrowed chainsaws and a backhoe from a construction company.

Agulto appealed to Reps. Francis Taimanao (Ind-Saipan) and Larry Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) to look into the water and debris problems for their constituents in Kannat Tabla.

NMI visitor arrivals grow 10 pct. in July 2015

Visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands in July 2015 were up 10 percent compared to July 2014. According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 40,882 visitors in July 2015, compared to 37,253 visitors received in July 2014.

"Through July this fiscal year, total visitors arrivals are up 12 percent compared to the same period last year," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "As for August, we are seeing a significant reduction in numbers due to temporary cancellations of nighttime operations at the Saipan International Airport in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor. The good news is, visitors are still coming and 24-hour operation has now been restored at the airport."

Arrivals from Korea jumped 52 percent in July to 15,321 visitors. Asiana Airlines operated summer charter flights four times weekly throughout the month using an A321 with 171 seats, and the MVA has been working with the airline and major travel agencies to promote and boost sales through various channels to convert this seasonal charter service to new regular flight service. Following significant cancellations as a result of Typhoon Soudelor, major travel agencies are now rapidly picking up travel bookings again for September. The MVA is now launching special joint promotions with Asiana Airlines and Jeju Air to attract more Korean travelers to the NMI as part of the recovery plan.

Arrivals from China edged 2 percent higher compared to July 2014 at 17,964 visitors. Century Tours operated four charter flights a week from Beijing to Saipan from July 12 instead of the current three flights a week. Dynamic Airways also launched new charter flights from Hong Kong to Saipan on July 19, operating three times a week and targeting the South China market. Because of Typhoon Soudelor, 20 charter flights from Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong were cancelled from Aug. 2 to Aug. 15 and around 5,310 tour cancellations in total were seen during these period.

Arrivals from Japan fell 11 percent to 5,624 visitors without any charter flights from Japan to the NMI during the month of July. Due to the fiber cable damage in July, several Delta Air Lines flights were diverted to Guam or cancelled. With the closing of Saipan International Airport to nighttime flights as a result of Typhoon Soudelor, airlift from Japan has been reduced by 60 percent from Aug. 2 to Aug. 17, with 6,579 seats cut to 2,607 seats. Delta and major Japanese travel agents launched a major summer campaign designed to boost arrivals from the Japan market in July, August, and September but this and other promotional campaigns were temporarily suspended following Typhoon Soudelor. The MVA is preparing to return to promotions full-force in August with key agents, given the quick pace of cleanup and recovery.

Economic highlights

The Japanese government maintained it position on the domestic economy in July. A government official was quoted as saying "the Japanese economy is on a moderate recovery. There are signs of picking up in domestic demand, such as personal consumption, corporate capital expenditures and housing investment." During the month of July, the yen remained virtually unchanged against the U.S. dollar at 123.21 yen to the dollar.

South Korea's Central Bank reported a slowing of economic growth in the second quarter as private spending was effected by the outbreak of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). The South Korean won/dollar exchange rate rose 41.47 won over the past month to close at 1,168.36 against the U.S. dollar.

China's National Bureau of Statistics announced second-quarter GDP grew 7 percent year-on-year, remaining unchanged from the first quarter. The central parity rate of the Chinese currency renminbi, or the yuan, weakened by 5 basis points to 6.1197 against the U.S. dollar, according to the China Foreign Exchange Trading System. ***(MVA)***

Man pleads guilty in home invasion case

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A 28-year-old man accused of attacking a doctor and a lawyer with a screwdriver when they tried to stop him from escaping after burglarizing the lawyer's apartment in Garapan pleaded guilty yesterday to burglary as part of a plea deal.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman accepted John Chandler Hamilton's guilty plea and ordered the Office of Adult Probation to prepare a presentence investigation report. Hamilton will be sentenced on Sept. 30, 2015.

Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen represented the government in this case. Attorney Daniel Guidotti appeared as court-appointed counsel for Hamilton.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Hamilton with burglary, theft, assault, assault and battery, and two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon. Under the plea deal, all charges except for burglary will be dropped.

As part of the deal, Hamilton will be sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, all suspended except for a range of not less than five years and not more than 10 years in prison.

In addition, he will not be eligible for parole or early release until he has served five years. He will be given credit for time served.

After completing the prison term, Hamilton will be placed on supervised probation for five years. He was required to pay a $500 fine, and court fees.

During the entire probationary period, Hamilton is prohibited from having direct or indirect contact with the victims—attorney Matthew Holley, his wife Melody, and Dr. Marty Rohringer.

Hamilton was ordered to write a letter of apology to the victims. He was required to perform 200 hours of community service, complete any recommended counseling by the Community Guidance Center, and not possess or consume controlled substances.

Hamilton broke into the apartment of the Holley couple in Garapan on April 9, 2015, at 9:47pm, with the purpose of committing theft.

Rohringer was injured when he, Holley, and a friend were attacked by Hamilton with a screwdriver when they tried to stop him from escaping.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE IN GUAM READY FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT TO SAIPAN

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Continuation of
Northern Marianas College's
Summer 2015 Semester

Northern Marianas College's Summer 2015 semester will resume next week from August 24 through August 28, 2015 (Friday will be reserved for finals). The continuation of the Summer 2015 semester follows the same schedule that was implemented before the cancellation of classes due to Typhoon Soudelor.

For Fall 2015 semester dates, please visit www.marianas.edu. Please contact the Northern Marianas College at 234-5484 (between 8am and 12pm daily) if you have any questions.

Summer 2015, Session II
Last Week of Instruction Course Schedule
August 24 - 27, 2015

BUSINESS

Course ID	Sec.	Course Title	Days	Start Time	End Time	Room	Instructor
MG 401	ON01	International Business Management (Online)	M-Th	03:00pm	04:25pm	A-10	C. Green
MG 402	ON01	Human Resource Management (Online)	M-Th	04:30pm	05:55pm	A-10	B. Hunter

COLLEGE ENGLISH

Course ID	Sec.	Course Title	Days	Start Time	End Time	Room	Instructor
EN 101	01	English Composition I	M-Th	08:00am	09:45am	A-13	J. Cabrera
EN 101	02	English Composition I	M-Th	10:30am	12:15pm	A-13	J. Cabrera

EDUCATION

Course ID	Sec.	Course Title	Days	Start Time	End Time	Room	Instructor
ED 406	01	Teaching Linguistically Diverse Students	TTh	09:00am	12:45pm	A-12	A. Angel-Diaz

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Course ID	Sec.	Course Title	Days	Start Time	End Time	Room	Instructor
EN 093	01	Reading & Vocab. Dev. III	M-Th	08:00am	10:20am	A-4	Dr. K. Bunts-Anderson
		Lab	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	
EN 094	01	Writing & Grammar Study III	M-Th	08:00am	10:20am	A-7	M. Nurmi
		Lab	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	

MATHEMATICS

Course ID	Sec.	Course Title	Days	Start Time	End Time	Room	Instructor
MA 091	01	Beginning Algebra	M-Th	03:00pm	05:20pm	A-1	L. Liban
MA 091	02	Beginning Algebra	M-Th	01:00pm	03:20pm	A-13	M. Taisacan
MA 132	01	Intermediate Algebra	M-Th	01:00pm	03:20pm	A-4	A. Nikolaychuk

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Course ID	Sec.	Course Title	Days	Start Time	End Time	Room	Instructor
BE 111	01	College Success	M-Th	08:00am	9:45am	A-1	T. Sharts
BE 111	02	College Success	M-Th	10:30am	12:15pm	A-4	Dr. K. Bunts-Anderson

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Final Exam Schedule

THURSDAY, 8/27/15

Course	Room	Time
MG 402-ON01	A-10	3:00-5:00pm

FRIDAY, 8/28/15

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BE 111 - 01	A-1	8:00-10:00am	MA 091-01	A-1	3:00-5:00pm
BE 111 - 02	A-4	10:00am-12:00pm	MA 091-02	A-13	1:00-3:00pm
ED 406-01	A-12	9:00-11:00am	MA 132-01	A-4	1:00-3:00pm
EN 093-01	A-3	8:00-10:00am	MG 401-ON01	A-10	3:00-5:00pm
EN 094-01	A-7	8:00-10:00am			

Docomo submarine cable project gains support

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A project to lay a submarine cable from Saipan to Guam by service provider Docomo Pacific has gained support from the CNMI Legislature and government.

In a session late Tuesday, members of the Senate unanimously voted "yes" to the resolution supporting Docomo's project.

All nine senators signed off on Senate Resolution 19-14, which requests the assistance of the Office of the Governor in having the permit of Docomo Pacific "processed expeditiously so that Docomo Pacific can start its underground fiber optic network."

S.R. 19-14 cited the recent breakdown of a submarine cable between Saipan and Tinian that caused a massive communications outage.

"The abrupt and unexpected disconnection of Internet and telephone services caused panic, frustration, and tremendous inconvenience to the people of the Commonwealth," the resolution stated.

Docomo Pacific earlier bared plans to "significantly upgrade its network" and one of the key components of the upgrade is placing a new undersea fiber cable between Guam and the Commonwealth.

Senate President Victor B. Hocog (Ind-Saipan) said he and his colleagues in the Senate recognize that it is time for an alternative for the Commonwealth.

Hocog has also sent a copy of the approved resolution to the Department of Public Lands, the Department of Public Works, and the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality for review.

Governor's support

Gov. Eloy S. Inos yesterday said he welcomes the possibility of another submarine cable for the CNMI.

"This is good for the people. I've always supported these types of projects," Inos said.

Inos thinks that IT&E, the service provider that has an existing submarine cable, would also support this, and an alternative submarine cable will probably "take out some of the pressure" from IT&E.

In mid-July, then-acting governor Ralph DLG. Torres declared a state of significant emergency for the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota after a massive communications breakdown affected and effectively isolated Saipan from the rest of the world.

The IT&E-owned fiber optic cable was heavily damaged by a passing typhoon on July 8, causing the loss of mobile telephone services and Internet access throughout the Commonwealth.

The outage effectively caused businesses—including banks, financial institutions, and remittance services—to grind to a halt.

In the state of emergency declaration, Torres said the "disruption of critical infrastructure services threaten the public peace, health, and safety of the Commonwealth's residents."

PSS: No date for school yet; will apply for federal disaster aid

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The Public School System is focused on applying for federal relief aid, as the heavy damage to classrooms left in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor has pushed back the start of the school year indefinitely, education officials said yesterday.

Cost-estimates for damage were not available yesterday. This information would be put in the Public Assistance application with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan.

PSS has 30 days from the declaration of state of disaster two weeks ago to finalize its request.

She said are there no set dates for the start of schools on Saipan yet. But they are targeting sometime in September.

"We are working very hard to get the damage assessed. We do have some heavy damage at a few schools so we want to make sure that they are taken cared of as priorities. Meaning that there are classrooms that will not be ready…when students return back next school year," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune.*

She said they have hired professional engineers to help with the assessment.

"We want to ensure safety when students return and we want to make sure that the damage assessed is something that will help us to develop our scope of work."

In a separate interview, Board of Education chair Herman Guerrero said they have met with Gov. Eloy S. Inos to inform him of the status of schools.

The need for running water and generators are some of the "concerns that are being raised," he said.

Guerrero noted that at Garapan Elementary School, there are about 14 classes that are "non-useable."

San Vicente Elementary School also has some problems in terms of which classes are useable after sustaining damage from Typhoon Soudelor.

"Those are the two biggest elementary schools in the Commonwealth," Guerrero said.

He called the Marianas High School Gym "basically destroyed" as a good portion of its roof has been torn out.

"Classrooms are being used [at the gym] so that is an additional challenge for us," he said.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday greetings go out to Sheila Warwick (Aug. 2) and Margaret Ito (Aug. 26)! May your special day, surrounded with happiness, filled with laughter, wrapped with pressure, brightened with fun, blessed with love, remembered with joy, and enriched with hopes.

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Happy 2nd birthday to our one and only "sonshine," lil' *magas* Izaiah Blaze! May God bless you on your special day, son, and with many more years to come. We love you so much and are truly blessed to have you. Love, Mommy and Daddy.

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Shipment of concrete poles delayed

The cargo ship carrying 90 poles from Guam to aid in restoration efforts following Typhoon Soudelor has been delayed due to ship malfunctions, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The cargo ship was set to arrive with 90 concrete poles planned to "harden critical areas" on Saipan.

FEMA federal coordinating officer Stephen DeBlasio said this cargo ship had "some malfunctions."

"They were not able to dock," he said. "Right now, it is being repaired."

Acting Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director John Riegel confirmed yesterday that the poles have not arrived yet.

The 90 concrete poles were the first batch out of 200 scheduled to arrive from Guam.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and FEMA estimate that a range of 800 to 900 power poles will be needed to sustain recovery efforts.

CUC has depleted its stores of power poles in its recovery efforts. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

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was any confusion on the intention of the government efforts regarding donations and clarify that the administration does not want to diminish or disparage the hard work and contributions done by the many wonderful nonprofit and community organizations during our path recovery," Torres said.

He praised those who participate day in and day out to rebuild the island and serve the needs of the community without compensation.

"The volunteers of the many organizations should be supported with our thanks, our time, and whatever donations are available," he added.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster

Yesterday, various non-profit groups and faith-based organizations met for the second time to discuss and consolidate relief work being done and supplies being sent to Saipan.

Organizations such as Karidat, grassroots volunteer group United4Saipan, Empty Vessel Ministry which gives out clothes and items, and individuals such as Gerri Willis and Kate Campbell, who set up the information site survivingsaipan.wordpress.com, gathered at Chalan Piao with Federal Emergency Management Agency-Pacific Area Office voluntary agency liaison Michael Kern to talk about how to better serve the community.

The group discussed taking care of immediate needs of residents as well as long-term recovery efforts such as helping rebuild houses.

Among the pressing matters that they talked about was finding a warehouse that they can use to store the container-loads of relief items that are expected to arrive on Saipan from Hawaii, Guam, as well as from the U.S. mainland. A place where volunteering can be centralized is also being looked at.

"We know the stuff is going to come so we need to figure it out," Kern said. "I'm hopeful that by this weekend we'll have it figured out."

Matthew Deleon Guerrero, chief of staff of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, was also present at the meeting.

"We want to help wherever we can and if there is a need for some coordination, if there is a need for some donation management training, if there is a need for a location and shelters for the goods then we are more than willing to be able to provide," Deleon Guerrero said.

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officer Lt. Tim Gorman

"I am pleased to announce that service members from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit will continue to provide water to the people of Saipan until Saturday, Aug. 22," Bolivar said.

Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 31 and Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, both with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, will remain behind to continue distributing water to the people of Saipan.

The USS *Ashland*, part of the Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group, will continue on her patrol of the Pacific and will return to backload the Marines once their mission is complete.

"My Marines and sailors are happy to continue helping the people of Saipan," said Lt. Col. Eric Malinowski, the commanding officer of Combat Logistics Battalion 31, 31st MEU.

"The people of Saipan have gone out of their way to make us feel at home, and we appreciate that as much as they appreciate the support we've given them," he added.

On Tuesday, Gov. Eloy S. Inos appealed through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to extend the 31st MEU's mission with regards to providing the community with drinking water.

The 31st MEU has been providing drinking water to the public through their reverse osmosis facilities, lightweight purification water system, and tactical water purification system, for more than a week now.

The LWPS can produce up to 3,000 gallons of water in a 24-hour period while the TWPS can produce 30,000 to 40,000 gallons.

"After receiving the request from Governor Inos through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, military leaders have agreed that since there is a need, our forces can support this request for a few extra days," Bolivar said.

"As Saipan recovers, we want to see the living conditions for our families continue to improve," she added.

Inos earlier said that four days is a "reasonable time period" so that the government can safely say they will be able to provide to the community.

In spite of their mission being in limbo yesterday, the Marines continued to provide drinking water to the public.

Aside from the Garapan Fishing Base, they also provide water to three fire stations: Koblerville Fire Station, Kagman Fire Station, and San Roque Fire Station. Water will be available at these sites from 8am to 6pm until Aug. 22.

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dial investigation work plan" in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Last night, officials from the Naval Facilities Engineering Command led a public hearing on their latest results at the Tinian Public Library.

According to presentation documents and materials, copies of which were obtained by *Saipan Tribune*, leftover chemicals at the firing range have exceeded "project action limits" that were developed based on the most conservative of federal and local standards.

The metals exceeding these limits include aluminum, chromium, copper, iron, lead, antimony, and zinc.

No explosives were found exceeding the criteria.

"The highest number of [chemical] exceedances occurred for chromium, where 9 out of the 20 samples exceeded the PAL for chromium. Exceedances for the other metals were limited to 2 to 5 of the total samples collected."

The Navy concludes that site surveys have confirmed the potential of "munitions and explosives of concern."

They say that based on the findings, and their new priority rating, a potential risk to human health exists at the site.

"Further action to define and/or reduce the risk warranted," the Navy says.

The Navy goes on to say that historical data and survey results support the need for further work under their munitions response program.

The Navy says additional investigation is warranted to define the "full nature and extent" of the munitions of concern. Some types of chromium, for example, are known to be carcinogenic.

The Tinian mortar range has been closed for 21 years. It was a former World War II battle site, and mortar and small arms range that closed in 1994.

FEMA

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that "public assistance refers to 'public infrastructure assistance' and not assistance to individuals."

"That is a separate item under the Individual Assistance Program," Blanco said.

Still on recovery

Inos said efforts continue to focus on power restoration and that the government aims to "leverage" federal funds as recovery activities continues in the wake Typhoon Soudelor.

As of the moment, the CNMI is still on "recovery mode," Inos said.

"But things are moving a lot faster now. Faster than we expected," Inos said, adding that the recovery efforts continue to hinge on power restoration.

Out of the approved a budget of $22 million for the additional categories, $13.5 million will go to utilities, Inos said.

He said the pace is "unprecedented" but the government still does not want to lift people's expectations and then not deliver on its promise.

Although he did not give a timeline, Inos said the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has set "crews on the ground just waiting for more equipment" such power poles and transmission lines.

About 200 poles are now en route to Saipan from Guam.

The CUC is reportedly without any spare power poles after all power poles in stock were depleted due to the restoration efforts. The Guam Power Authority is shipping power poles to Saipan to assist in local power restoration efforts.

A barge delivering the power poles was expected to reach Saipan yesterday.

Saipan, Tinian included in Public Assistance categories

On Aug. 18, 2015, the Major Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as a result of damage that occurred Aug. 1-3 by Typhoon Soudelor was amended to include the islands of Saipan and Tinian for Public Assistance (Categories C-G).

Public Assistance is the assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities. The islands of Saipan and Tinian are included for Public Assistance Categories C-G, which are as follows: Category C: Roads and Bridges, Category D: Water Control Facilities, Category E: Public Buildings and Equipment, Category F: Utilities, Category G: Parks, Recreational Facilities, and Other Items.

The Islands of Rota, Saipan, and Tinian were also included for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.

The government of CNMI agencies and certain private nonprofit agencies that may be eligible for federal and commonwealth disaster assistance must submit Request for Public Assistance forms to CNMI Homeland Security. The deadline for RPAs for original categories A-B is Sept. 4, 2015. The deadline for RPAs for categories C-G is Sept. 18, 2015.

The Public Assistance Program provides grants to Commonwealth governments and certain private non-profit entities to assist them with the response to and recovery from disasters.

PA funds are available to eligible applicants as part of the federal disaster declaration of Aug. 5, 2015, for the typhoon that occurred Aug. 1-3, 2015 in CNMI.

The primary goal of the Public Assistance program, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and CNMI, is to provide reimbursement for eligible expenses for emergency response as well as the repair and replacement of damaged public facilities.

Under the PA program, FEMA reimburses successful applicants for 75 percent of their eligible expenses, while the other 25 percent is the non-federal share. The CNMI government pays 75 percent of the non-federal share of eligible costs incurred by Commonwealth agencies and special districts with local agencies picking up the remaining 25 percent.

Commonwealth agencies and certain private nonprofits are responsible for the entire non-federal share. The federal portion is paid directly to the territory, with CNMI being the grantee, which then makes disbursements to sub-grantees, the local jurisdictions and organizations.

For forms and more information on the PA program, contact CNMI Public Affairs Officer, Ivan Blanco at 670-237-8040.

The RPA form can be submitted via email to: Nerissa Benavente at Nerissa.cip@gmail.com

Sept. 4, 2015, is the deadline to submit RPAs for Categories A-B. Sept. 17, 2015 is the deadline to submit RPAs for Categories C-G. ***(FEMA)***

Public Assistance Program reminder

For CNMI government agencies and private non-profits planning to submit Request for Public Assistance forms, the deadline is Sept. 4, 2015. For forms and more information on the PA program, contact CNMI Public Affairs Officer Ivan Blanco at (670) 237-8040. RPA forms should be submitted via email to Nerissa Benavente at nerissa.cip@gmail.com. Agencies should not go to the Emergency Operations Center to submit forms.

'No need for repeat calls to Red Cross'

The American Red Cross NMI Chapter emphasized yesterday that those who have registered with the Red Cross do not need to continue to call the Red Cross.

The Red Cross will contact those who have already registered. Only those who have not called the Red Cross and are in need of assistance should call 234-3459 to schedule an appointment to meet with a Red Cross staff. This call is free when made with most prepaid phones. Due to high call volumes, patience is appreciated and calls after office hours is preferred. Those seeking assistance should not visit the Red Cross office without an appointment.

Much needed relief items are unloaded at the Port of Saipan yesterday. AMERICAN RED CROSS

Cross said there seems to be misinformation in the community regarding how to receive assistance and the organization is being inundated with repeat callers, which is slowing its processes down.

"As always, our top priority is ensuring we are providing assistance to those who need it. We are doing so as expeditiously as possible," the statement adds.

In related news, much needed relief items were delivered to the Port of Saipan yesterday. The American Red Cross has been awaiting the delivery and is preparing to provide these items to those who need them.

Local businesses like Joeten Dai Dai Foundation, who donated $40,000 in cash and in-kind donations, say they have confidence in the Red Cross' ability to help the people of Saipan.

"We trust our donation is going to the right people when we give to the Red Cross." said Patty McDonald, executive director of the Joeten Dai Dai Foundation.

"We're grateful to the many members of our community providing support to the Red Cross during this difficult time for those on the island," said John Hirsh, executive director of the Northern Mariana Islands Chapter. "The success of our relief operation is dependent on the generosity and goodwill of those who live here."

People can help by donating to Red Cross Disaster Relief by visiting redcross.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or texting the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a $10 donation.

Follow the Red Cross NMI Chapter on Twitter @spnmarianas for real time updates. For more information, visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross. ***(ARC)***

NOTICE OF CLOSURE

Please be informed that **D.W.K. Corporation** has ceased business with effect from June 30, 2015.

For inquiries please call
Mr. Yong W. Park at 234-5700.

Thank you
King, Dong Wan
President

Marianas Medical Center

is seeking for U.S. qualified workers for the following positions:

Registered Nurse (RN)
Seeking full-time and part-time Nurses (RN). College graduate degree in Nursing from a school approved by the Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners (CBNE), with two (2) years of work experience as a nurse or working in a similar capacity in a health care or medical setting. Must pass US NCLEX-RN and is licensed as an RN by CBNE. Must have the ability to work proficiently in a fast paced clinical environment. Ability to speak and translate in the Chinese language is preferred.

Accountant
Bachelor's degree in Accounting with at least three (3) years of accounting experience is required. Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications, excellent verbal and written communication skills, analytical and problem solving abilities, and the ability to multi-task in a fast paced environment is also required. Experience working in a medical field setting is preferred.

Medical Coder & Biller
Must be a Certified Professional Coder (CPC), or a Certified Professional Coder Apprentice (CPC-A) with at least one (1) year of relevant work experience as a Medical Coder and Biller. Must have the ability to understand and assess medical diagnosis and procedure codes. Must be able to compile data, compute fees and charges and prepare claims and invoices for billing purposes. Must have the ability to provide education to physicians and other business personnel regarding medical coding.

All positions close 5:00pm on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.
Applications are available at the Marianas Medical Center.
Applications should include a resume and evidence of education degree(s) and professional licenses claimed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
Marianas Medical Center is an equal opportunity employer

Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic

TEMPORARY CLINIC HOURS

Monday - Thursday - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
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Our normal clinic hours will resume when full commercial power is restored.

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SECOND AMENDED REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES

BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE PROJECT NO. CPA-RA-001-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Master Planning Services for the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

These services are being funded by the Federal Aviation Administration and CPA. This service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 664-3533 and/or emailed to cpa.engr@pticom.com by no later than Friday, July 24, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Similar work experience in airport master planning, including, but not limited to needs analysis, design, cost estimating, environmental review and permitting – (25 points)
2. Capability to perform all aspects of the project, such as analysis, planning, environmental evaluations, financial analysis and architectural and engineering design (25 points)
3. Level of proficiency in performing services promptly; and level of experience with the CPA projects – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the consultant in terms of quality of work experience and services performed for projects, and the consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2015.** Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:
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Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
P.O. Box 501055
Saipan, MP 96950-1055

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: August 11, 2015

Bank of Guam donates $50K for Saipan residents

»Recovery will be 'ongoing and difficult'

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Guam announced yesterday that it is contributing a total of $50,000 toward the direct assistance of Saipan residents affected by Typhoon Soudelor.

Bank of Guam president, chief executive officer, and board chair Lou A. Leon Guerrero stated: "The Bank of Guam is contributing $20,000 to Karidat, $20,000 to the Saipan Red Cross and $10,000 to the Salvation Army, which will go directly to helping the Saipan community."

Since Saipan was struck by Typhoon Soudelor on Aug. 2, 2015, Karidat has assisted displaced families with temporary housing and food vouchers. The Saipan Red Cross is providing dislocated families with monetary debit cards, temporary housing with tents, blankets, cleaning supplies, water bottles and more. It is estimated they will have assisted 6,000 households. The Salvation Army is feeding daily meals at their center to displaced families or those with limited resources.

Bank of Guam's "Soudelor Aid" account continues to accept contributions from individuals, groups and companies in this ongoing effort to help the Saipan community. The account contributions will be divided in the same proportion as the Bank of Guam corporate donation.

The Bank of Guam 90-day loan payment deferment program for its Saipan loan customers provides cash for much needed recovery.

Bank of Guam has extended financial assistance to its employees on Saipan in support of their needs during the recovery period. Additionally, the Bank of Guam Employee Club is collecting items directly for its Saipan branch employees.

Lou A. Leon Guerrero said: "Our Saipan families have been affected by the most destructive storm in years, and we realize that recovery will be a long and gradual process. Our efforts to help will be ongoing and responsive."

The Garapan branch and Chalan Piao facility will be operating with limited hours between 9am and 3pm Monday through Friday. Saturday hours are suspended until further notice.

Bank of Guam, with assets over $1.4 billion, is in its 43rd year with 23 branches throughout Guam and Western Micronesia. Bank of Guam has had a presence on Saipan since 1980. ***(Bank of Guam)***

Interior announces nearly $1M for coral reef initiatives

»Funding supports protection and management of coral reef ecosystems in US Insular Areas

WASHINGTON, D.C. —Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina announced yesterday $926,328 in grant assistance for fiscal year 2015, under the Office of Insular Affairs' Coral Reef Initiative Program to a variety of projects and initiatives designed to improve the health and management of coral reefs in the American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and the Marshall Islands.

"These projects range from restoration of threatened coral species in the Caribbean to protecting Micronesian mangrove forests, and curating one of the largest collections of Pacific coral specimens," said Assistant Secretary Kia'aina. "I trust they will help build capacity, promote healthy coastal ecosystems, and help inform management of coral reefs in the jurisdictions."

The 2015 projects to be funded include:

■ **Guam Museum Foundation, Inc. (Guam): $73,150** to support a graduate-level internship program to curate the *Richard Randall Coral Collection.* This rare collection, consisting of more than 30,000 specimens of corals from around the Pacific, will be digitized into a database for future scientific use and study. Richard Randall, a professor emeritus of Marine Biology from the University of Guam, has been studying corals for 50 years and is recognized as the coral expert for the tropical Pacific. This unique collection is currently housed at the Guam Museum Foundation.

■ **Guam Bureau of Statistics and Planning (Guam): $131,800** to promote conservation awareness through education and outreach on the importance of Guam's reefs to the island's culture; to establish a Coral Reef Resilience Coordinator; to conduct a hydrological study of the Toguan Watershed to develop strategies for its management; and to support participation in the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force meetings.

■ **U.S. Virgin Islands' The Nature Conservancy (St. Croix, USVI): $50,000** for coral reef restoration within the St. Croix East End Marine Park by transplanting elkhorn and staghorn coral colonies, grown in The Nature Conservancy's coral nursery, to sites characterized as high-value for restoration and recovery of these two threatened species of Caribbean coral.

■ **U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (U.S. Virgin Islands)**: **$131,088** to develop a strategic plan to improve the enforcement capacity and effectiveness of the Division of Environmental Enforcement; and to evaluate the connectivity of coral reef species between managed and unmanaged areas to strengthen local management of the 43 Marine Protected Areas in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

■ **Palau International Coral Reef Center (Republic of Palau): $110,000** to characterize and manage the recovery of Palauan coral reefs following recent catastrophic damage from supertyphoons Bopha and Haiyan.

■ **Micronesia Conservation Trust (Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia): $150,000** to work with local governments, non-governmental organizations, and communities to conduct a vulnerability assessment on Pohnpei's 5,500 hectares of mangrove forest to identify threats and specific adaptation actions; assess the feasibility of funding habitat conservation by marketing carbon credits; and share project results to catalyze similar projects throughout Micronesia and help achieve the goals of the Micronesia Challenge.

■ **College of the Marshall Islands (Republic of the Marshall Islands): $121,572** to establish a national, publicly-accessible, spatial analytics facility on the campus of the College of the Marshall Islands; to build capacity in participatory Geographic Information System management by training CMI and government staff on building a national geospatial clearinghouse; to compile and augment the conservation database; and to conduct a short-course on GIS for use in sustainable coastal management.

■ **American Samoa Department of Commerce (American Samoa): $138,718** for a pilot project at Utulei Beach, a popular spot for swimming and snorkeling on Tutuila Island, to identify, and ultimately eliminate, outflows of litter into the Fagaloa Tourism Priority Zone. This project complements other initiatives such as the Utelei Beach Recovery project and redevelopment of the old Rainmaker Hotel property.

■ **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI): $20,000** to support the Garapan Field Surveillance Project that seeks to reduce littering and illegal dumping in the Garapan area by using volunteers to assist with reporting and enforcement. ***(OIA)***

Docomo offers free calls from Saipan to FEMA

Docomo Pacific, in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is enabling customers to make free long distance phone calls from Saipan to FEMA to register for disaster assistance. Residents can register with FEMA through voice call, online at the DisasterAssistance.gov website, or directly from their smartphones at the m.fema.gov website.

When registering for disaster assistance, callers will need to provide their Social Security number, address, phone number where they can be contacted, insurance information, and other personal data. The registration process can take up to an hour to complete. ***(telecompaper.com)***

MCS clarifies new uniform policies

Some parents of Mount Carmel School students have raised questions about the transition to new uniforms this upcoming 2015-2016 school year. Parents can rest assured that because this will be a transition year, both the old and the new uniforms will be allowed. Thus, if parents already have the old uniforms, students will still be permitted to wear those uniforms.

Furthermore, parents should be advised that the school will not maintain a large inventory of the khaki pants, shorts, and skorts. The transition to the new uniforms, particularly the khaki pants, shorts, and/or skorts, is partly intended to make it easier for parents to acquire such items on their own through retail outlets of their choice, and not to be limited to the uniform inventory of the school. This will also help keep the school's operating expenses low by preventing the school from stocking up on uniform inventory that often goes unsold.

Lastly, the school reminds all parents that due to Typhoon Soudelor's impact on power and water, especially on laundry services, the school will excuse students from wearing full uniform until power and water are fully restored on island. In particular, students are encouraged to wear PE uniform instead of the full uniform.

Should parents have any more questions about uniform or any other matters, they are welcome to contact the school at 234-6184 or visit the school's website at mountcarmelsaipan.com. ***(MCS)***

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is inviting individuals to apply for the following position:

Legal Secretary
Duties & Responsibilities:
Works primarily with attorneys in setting up case files, keep case files current, and file pleadings with both Superior Court and U.S. District Court of the N.M.I. Accurately calendars court hearings and trials, monitor deadlines and track cases through the justice system; draft and proof read correspondences, photocopy, fax, print, use telephone techniques, e-mail use, and file.

Job Requirements:
Knowledge: Of law office practice (preferably litigation), familiarity with Superior Court and District Court procedures and legal terminology.

Equipment Skills: Use various office equipment including telephone, fax machine, copier, printer, computer, and occasionally a manual typewriter.

Software Skills: Proficient with word processing (preferably Microsoft Office Word) and Microsoft Outlook. Knowledge of Excel is beneficial.

Ability: To type at least 40 wpm (no errors); multi-task; be well organized; maintain a professional disposition; focus and concentrate in a stressful environment with heavy workloads and strict timelines; work independently and self-directed; maintain strict confidentiality; communicate effectively orally and in writing; follow verbal and written instructions; possess good interpersonal skills and establish effective working relationships with law enforcement, fellow employees, supervisors and the public; use proper sentence structure, punctuation, grammar and spelling; proof reading; accuracy; and attention to detail.

Required Qualifications:
To be considered for the position, applicants must have a high school diploma (or GED) and four (4) years secretarial or clerical experience with demonstrated competency in records management, word processing, and other routing office tasks requiring application of working level computer skills. Applicants with an equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Friday, August 21, 2015.

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

Kanoa Resort
Saipan

International Cook (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma; graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. At least three (3) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Must be able to prepare, season, and cook a wide range of international dishes such as soups, meats, vegetables, salads, entrees, and desserts in the Resort. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our resort. To be considered, applicants must be submitted not later than August 26, 2015. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Kanoa Resort is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accountant
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 5 years work-related experience in insurance financial management and payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivable, payable, and payroll management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, Geniisys and MS Word and Excel software. Payroll accountant must possess experience in electronic processing of timesheets, allotments, and standard and government deductions. Must be able to work under time pressure and flexible hours.

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Agricultural producers may file loss claims with FSA

BARRIGADA, Guam—Commercial agricultural producers negatively impacted by Tropical Storm Goni may be eligible for disaster assistance through the Farm Service Agency if they are signed up for the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program and file a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) within 72 hours for hand-harvested crops under the new provisions of the 2014 Farm Bill.

The Notice of Loss is used to report failed acreage and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing of a Notice of Loss within 72 hours for hand-harvested crops and within 15 days for all other crops including grasses is required following the occurrence of a disaster or when losses become apparent. Producers may file a Notice of Loss with the FSA County Office by email, fax or phone.

For more information or to file a Notice of Loss, call the FSA Guam County Office at (671) 472-7568. ***(FSA)***

IN RESPONSE TO DISCIPLINARY COMPLAINT

Lawyer denies violating ethical rule

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REPORTER

Attorney David G. Banes has denied allegations in a disciplinary complaint that he revealed information learned during talks with a prospective client.

In his response to the complaint, Banes, through counsel Robert O'Connor, asked the Superior Court to dismiss the disciplinary complaint against him and rule that that he did not violate any ethical rule.

As this developed, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho cancelled Tuesday the status conference scheduled yesterday, Wednesday, and re-set it to Aug. 28, 2015 at 9am.

Camacho said lawyers for the parties should be prepared to set a disciplinary hearing date at the status conference.

The judge will allow disciplinary counsel Mitchell T. Thompson to appear by telephone.

"All parties are ordered to appear," said Camacho in a one-page order.

Saipan Tribune learned that the judge reset the status conference as Banes' counsel, O' Connor, is off-island.

Thompson filed the disciplinary complaint against Banes for allegedly violating a provision of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct when he allegedly revealed information learned in discussions with a prospective client.

Thompson, who chairs the Guam Bar Association Ethics Committee, said Amjad Farhoud filed the complaint with the Disciplinary Committee of the CNMI Bar Association in August 2011.

Thompson said the Disciplinary Committee determined that Banes violated Rule 1.18 of the Model Rules, and referred the matter to the Superior Court for disciplinary proceedings.

The court then appointed Thompson to prosecute the matter. In Banes' response to the complaint, O'Connor said Banes denies that Amjad Farhoud ever had an appointment with him but did show up at the office to meet with attorney Michael Dotts.

O'Connor said Dotts introduced Farhoud to Banes.

O'Connor said that at that meeting, Banes disclosed he represented former judge Juan T. Lizama in a matter against Freedom Air and asked if Farhoud was a witness to the incident.

O'Connor said once Farhoud told Banes he was, Banes disclosed he could not represent him due to a conflict of interest.

O'Connor said Banes then questioned Farhoud as a possible witness in Lizama's lawsuit against his employer, Freedom Air.

O'Connor said he then referred Farhoud to other lawyers.

Banes, however, admits that during the deposition he asked Farhoud if his testimony was inconsistent with disclosures he had told Banes as a witness in the pending action.

In response, Farhoud repeatedly demanded that Banes disclose those inconsistencies, O'Connor said.

O'Connor said Banes denies he revealed any confidences or violated Rule 1.18(b) of the Model Rules.

The lawyer demanded a jury trial.

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Mayor's Office offers Japan trip this Nov.

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The Saipan Mayor's Office is inviting interested applicants to join this year's Kokusai Seishonen Kenshu Kyokai Japan trip in November, according to Mayor's Office executive assistant Yuki Kishimoto.

This year's KSKK Japan trip will be from Nov. 12 to 17. The deadline to submit the application form is Sept. 23.

Kishimoto said that applications could be picked up at the Saipan Mayor's Office located at the Ladera Center on Beach Road San Jose, near the old Hakubotan building.

"[Participants] will be responsible for their airfare, Disneyland entrance fee, and pocket money. Lodging, meals, and transportation will be covered under KSKK," she said.

The trip is limited to only 10 students and two chaperones. Kishimoto said the chaperone might be from the Mayor's Office, but will provide an update later for any changes.

It is available to students from any schools from fifth grade to 12th grade.

"They will be staying with the host families just for the weekends during the stay and the rest of the days will be at the youth center of the school," she said.

The most recent homestay was from KSKK or Tokyo's International Youth Association of Japan that arrived on July 28 and left on Aug. 5 due to Typhoon Soudelor canceling their flights, which was originally planned for departure on Aug. 3.

For more details, interested individuals can get applications at the Saipan Mayor's Office at the Ladera Center on Beach Road or call Kishimoto at 234-6208, 234-6280, and 235-7304.

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How to get to 'Sesame Street'? Pay a premium

For years humor-impaired right-wingers have worried about the nature of the relationship between Bert and Ernie on "Sesame Street." Now there's a truly strange relationship for them to worry about.

"Sesame Street," the children's program that's been a jewel in the PBS crown for 46 years, is taking a walk on the wild side with HBO, known for adult-themed outre dramas like "True Detective" and "Game of Thrones" and risque comedies like "Girls."

"Sesame Street" needs the money. HBO likes classy productions and wants to make inroads into children's television to compete with Netflix and Amazon, which have moved aggressively into children's television with original content and rerun acquisitions, including "Sesame Street."

This change in viewing accessibility raises the question of what it will mean for children—or their parents—who have faithfully kept tuned to PBS so they could get some quality broadcasting.

Some in the industry say the change may have little influence on kids' viewing habits. Jeff Dunn, chief executive of Sesame Workshop—which until 2000 was known as the Children's Television Workshop—says two-thirds of children now have their first experience with "Sesame Street" through video-on-demand and streaming services. Now they'll need HBO for that.

According to The Wall Street Journal, families without HBO or premium viewing services will be able to watch new episodes of "Sesame Street" on their traditional PBS stations nine months after they have aired on HBO. The agreement means that beginning in the fall, HBO will become the first place new episodes of the children's classic will air.

It will also allow Sesame Workshop to nearly double the number of new episodes of "Sesame Street" it makes annually, from 18 to 35, and to produce a spinoff and another educational series for the premium television service and its online platforms, HBO Now and HBO Go. Those productions could wind up airing on PBS, too.

Sesame Workshop's Dunn said it was clear when he became CEO of the nonprofit last year that the economics were not working. Sesame Workshop was operating at a deficit, with PBS contributing only 10 percent of the revenue and the rest coming from licensing and DVD income.

When the show started in 1969, kids watched 27 hours of network TV each week. Today's children get an increasingly greater share of their entertainment from online platforms. This caused income from Workshop's DVDs to shrink. Dunn began looking for a partner with deep pockets.

PBS and its member stations will get episodes of "Sesame Street" for free. For its part, PBS says the new arrangement will not reduce its commitment to children's programming.

So while getting to "Sesame Street" may require a few new turns, kids and their parents can still count on it being "a sunny day, sweepin' those clouds away."

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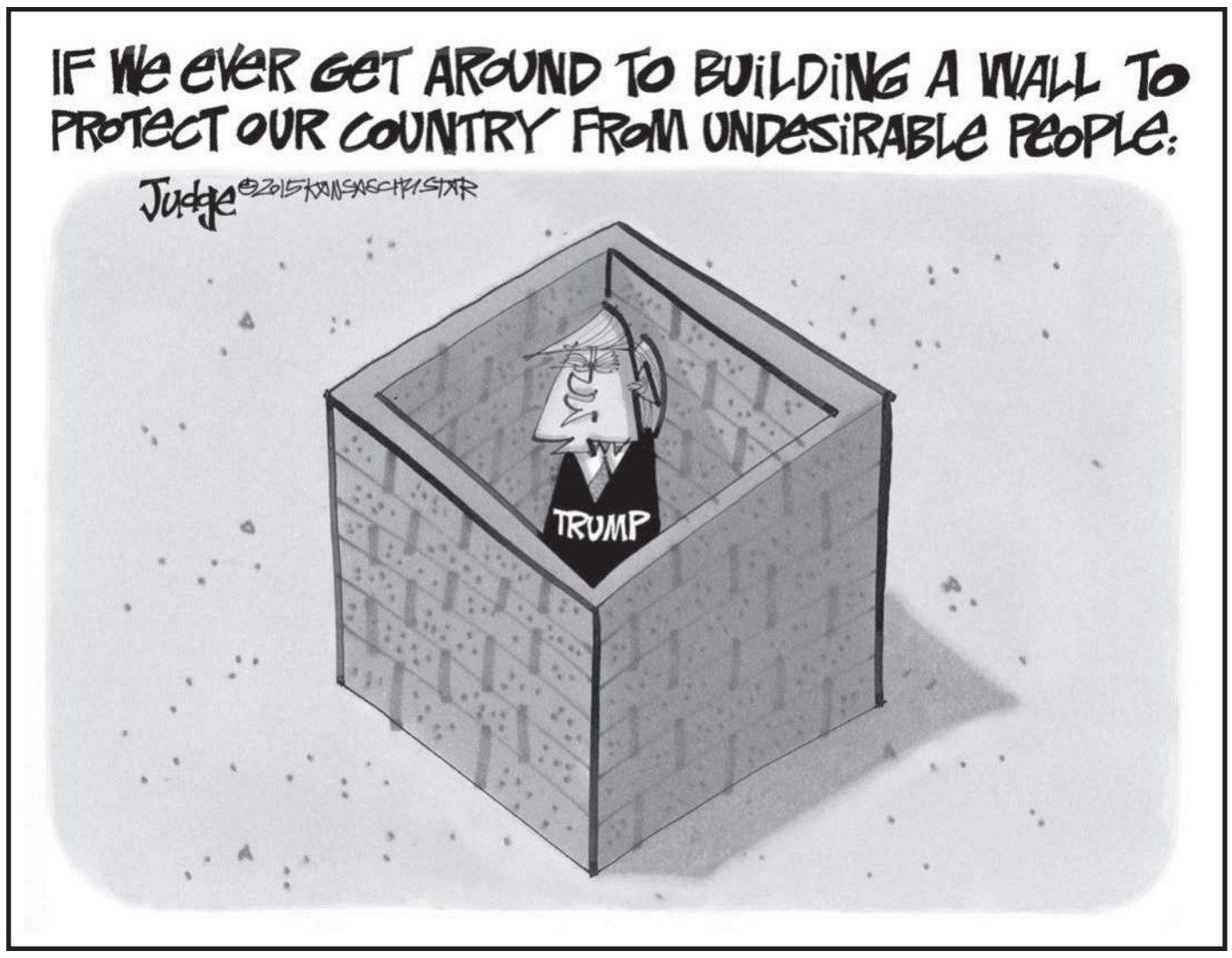
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Pinoylandia

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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It was early on in our writing time for ST—when we were just contributing pieces but not doing so regularly—that one of the writers who disagreed with what I wrote suggested I ceased writing and return to the country where I came from. He might have had a thing against CW Filipino writers.

The only problem was that I was already a naturalized citizen for more than 20 years, had left my country of origin in the '60s, and was a few years ahead of the CNMI's blanket entry into the union when Ronald Reagan declared citizenship for those residing on the islands of the CNMI.

I did not realize what a challenge it was to be a *Pinoy* in the Marianas. When a former Guam acquaintance invited me from Manila for a week on Saipan to see the money that can be made in importing contract labor in 1989, I was flabbergasted at the living conditions provided Filipino workers. In one instance, I saw a 20-foot container refurbished into bed bunks for 20 workers. The outhouse was outside and the kitchen was on the other end of the rectangular box. I declined his offer.

Coming back a decade later from Hawaii to assume the parson role and function at a Protestant church in '98, I was advised not to wear a *polo barong* coming into the CNMI. To be perceived as a *Pinoy* was not a plus in one's favor.

Of course, having spent time dealing with civil and human rights issues, I thought the racial sensitivity was blown out of proportion until I sought shelter from the rain in one of the fancy stores for tourists. One of the counter girls reminded me of a Filipina friend and I asked if she had any Filipino blood in her heritage. I got a look that was classic, with a stern and sharp response: "Of course NOT!" Serves me right for falling into the racial trap.

But I am from *Pinoylandia.* Looking up the word in a dictionary will not help. It is not there. The category is a place in the *kukute* (brain) before it is a superficial geography on the planet. In fact, if *Pinoylandia* exists at all, it is around the world among Filipinos in diaspora but without the organizing magnetism of something like the Chinatowns and Koreatowns in major cities. *Pinoylandia* of my familiar stays dispersed.

Filipinos are highly socialized people, ever conscious of their "people knowledge" expressed in hierarchical structures. There was one Filipino organization in Dallas, Texas, when I left in 1971. When I returned a decade later, I was told that there were at least 200 Filipino organizations in the city. It appears that when one of the organizations held an election, the "losing" party would establish a new organization. My father hails from the small town of San Esteban, Ilocos Sur, in the Philippines and in Honolulu alone, there were allegedly more than five organizations whose name identified with a section of the town.

A united body that provides umbrella services to all member organizations tends to dissipate into just one among many organizations and we shall not trace the history of unifying bodies in both the Marianas and Hawaii to make our point.

The role and function of a united body is often functionally operational when its officers serve rather than rule. Sadly, many are still hung up on the power of social rule, and many organizations are hardly in existence to serve a clientele as they are to promote the interest of its officers and members. That is not a moral judgment, just a statement of fact for this writer.

I number myself among the *Pinoy* in diaspora. Though travelling with the blue book of Uncle Sam, that is a matter of citizenship, not a mindset. *Pinoy* is a mindset, street-smart and world-wise. There are many members across the planet paying no dues since they are not organized.

Pinoys are a common sense people with a worldwide perspective. The street-smart quality is practical and objective. Its metaphors are grounded in the real, the deeds are authentic and verifiable. As President Reagan once said of his foreign policy to the Russians, "Trust but verify."

Widespread world-wise, quality is varied and quantity dispersed. *Pinoys* don't long for the Hispanic *de clase* definition of selfhood. The term "Filipino" referred to Spaniards born in the archipelago. The natives were called "indios." Assuming the title "Filipino" when the *Kano* came calling to ascend to a higher social status scale.

That *Pinoy* derives from "Filipino" is without question, but in my youth it was the slang for the nighttime guitar strummer after downing beer-gin-coke for courage to serenade a lassie visiting the village from the "city" for a time.

My world-wise contribution is the lucidity that since '68, the Earthrise was the context of identity and selfhood, not ethnicity or citizenship. If Carlos Bulosan's *America is in the Heart*, my *Pinoylandia* is in the soul. During typhoons, a guitar strums in my neighborhood even as a storm got stronger. It strums anticipating Atsani these days behind boarded windows.

Meanwhile, I nurse my beer-gin-coke.

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Mapula` Linache

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Hu tataitai un` lepblu pot tinige` manprofesionat siha na mantitige` ginen enteru Pasifiku pot mantuge` siha gi bandan kutturan isla. I intension para umakorihe misrepresentasion pinegan manginen hiyuñg deste antes de geran elmundu primet yan segundu.

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I para u saunau mañgge` debi guaha fotmat (edukasion yan ekspiriensia) mañgge gi katkuet liñguahe Eñglis yan finu` tanu`. Presisu na un` tuñgu` pot tradision, relihion, kutturan yan estorian i tanu` yan tautauña.

I umatisa este na muebimientu ginen misrepresentasion kuttura tat kumu Hawaii ni malagnos gi fina` mubi, South Pacific. Kaprechon niha sin konsiderasion sentimientun natibu. I usun bonitan palao`an ni mediu kesnuda ni bumabaila hula kau dichu yan enteru representasion kutturan iya Hawaii?

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Enfin sinsiyu na muebementu matutuhon para umafunas chatrepresentasion na materiat siha pot kutturan tautau islas Pasifiku.

Atadog Natibu: Este i mañgge` pot kutturan yan asuntun isla ti ayu ha` mangai problema i manginen hiyuñg, kontodu ginen halom.

I primet, tai kinemprende kabales haf` kuttura yan tradision tautau isla. Megai siempre misrepresentasion gi haf` matuge` dispues. Mumamta` este na misrepresentasion pot ti siña matagam ni natibu sa` megai gi kutturaña gaige gi fina` mafanana`an "chant"—kulan estoria—gi fina` kanta.

I segundu, ti pot ginen isla hau kapas kualifikasionmu mañgge` kontra haf` esta mantuge` sa` i mefe`na esta patte gi estoria. Debi u menhalom yan to`a fanatan-mu gi asuntu.

Fuetsau: Pot mas ke trenta mit diariu tumataitai este na patte gi gaseta primera pot finu` Chamorro. Kulan mangai chinatsaga gi tutuhon lau dispues manlagse`. I umatotga siha kadu` na tinige` finu` Chamorro mas ma-atisa lache na usun liñguahe. Rebosa yan un` bira hau dispues tatte kosake ti un` yinilulog rinisaken propiu na finu` Chamorro.

**Matompu`:** `Nai hututuhon mañgge` finu` Chamorro gi 1972, ti libianu na finapos piot sa` ni lepblu taya` taimanu mañgge` gi liñguahita. Lamegai `nai matompu`yu` lau ti hu sotta i asuntu estake kontentu-yu` gi haf` hu tuge` papa`. Debi ha` bai` birayu` tatte gi asuntu desde konbetsasion yan si biuhu, mañainahu yan mantuge` siha na lepblu `sino materiat. Este na sakrifisiu sumede-yu` guine na pahina.

I profession-hu kumu journalist (eskribienten gaseta) umayudayu` gi separasion haf` dichu` yan ti dichu na asuntun linahyan. Ha sedeyu` lokue` pumesa sentimientun publiku piot i chatche`chu` manma-elihe. I tatatte, guaha manmenhalom yan guaha ha` lokue` manatotgante lau gueku! Sige mona hu resibe sumen nama`aggem na inañgoghun publiku.

Ahe` ti atoridat-yu` gi finu` Chamorro. Lau nahuñg finaposhu achog pot mañgge` lepblu pot estoriata kumu natibu. Siempre un` dia bai chogue este gi finu` Chamorro para rekueddoghu gi famaguon Marianas. Hafa na para i famaguon? Siha i futuron iya Marianas!

Edukasion: Para mona, dañkulu inañgohoghu gi manma-eduka na famaguon-ta na u fan mañgge` lokue` pot asunto-ta siha guine. Estague` `nai siempre tali`e` na`banidosu na inadiñgan ginen i mas manmenhalom na famaguonta. Siha siempre guaddian sagua` konsensian publiku gi kare mona. Esta guaha siha huli`e` manlistu para este na offisiu.

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Hu ekuñgog dos patgon-hu dumibati pot un` asuntu. Acha fitme gi posision niha. I unu un` ratu ha dispoñga i puntun cheluña gi haf` dichu asuntu. I otru konfotme lau ilegña debi uma`atan i tautau na patte gi asuntu. Acha dinanche atgumenton niha. Ni unu hu fama puntoña. Hana` banidosuyu` fuetsan edukasion niha, kalagtos yan listu gi edukau na eskaleran inadiñgan.

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I primera rason na debi ta choneg edukasion famaguon-ta sa` ginen ennau na eskalera `nai mas libianu manmehalom siha na hinassu pot areglun futtunan i manatatte. Gi hilu` tomtum yan hinimidde mas man-adanche todu pinetsige gi ma-esgaihon riku na ekonomian isla `nai bula mas appottunidat para i natibu. Sin este pues kada ratu hit ta repite hagas manfatsu siha na disareglu! I famaguon-ta para u pinadese diskuiduta siha.

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Hoñge-yu` na gaige futtuna-ta gi manmauleg siha na areglu desde edukasion, ekonomia, hinemlu` yan kinalamten sosiat. `Nai abundansia appottunidat mas libianu kinalamten familia guine siha na perlas. Sin appottunidat megai para u diniñgu i tanu`. Esta mas ke tres mit manhanau. Dudayu` kau este ta guiguife i hita mismu dumisplanta tautau-ta.

The thrill of 'shooting' African wildlife

By MARY ANN ANDERSON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The open-sided Land Rover bumped along a dusty red dirt road and through a scraggly forest peppered with thorny acacias. Across the Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve in southeastern Zimbabwe, I spotted a small herd of elephants in the late afternoon, their enormous gray bodies reflecting long streaks of golden sunlight.

The elephants didn't concern me, nor did the dozens—no, hundreds—of gazelles, zebra, giraffe and the occasional sable or Cape buffalo grazing nearby. I had only one animal in mind to find, and that was a lion, a big, black-mane male, if possible, for I thought him the most captivating creature in all of Africa. How desperately I wanted his head to hang in my office so I could look at it time and time again to remind me of Africa and of Zimbabwe. I urged my guide, Tengwe Siambwada, to keep going until we found lions.

The reserve, which shares a border with Gonarezhou National Park between Zimbabwe and Mozambique, spreads before us, its 150,000 acres the perfect place to hunt lion. Across its vastness, we drove for another hour, maybe longer, along the way stopping to see a mother cheetah, at the sound of the Land Rover, rush her two cubs into the dense underbrush. She watched us warily, but it wasn't cheetah I wanted. Tengwe pressed on, as I had only ngala, the word the local tribe of the Shangaan use for lion, in my sights.

By then, the sun, hot and blistering during the day, was beginning its descent in the west. A dramatic cool-down had begun, but that is the way of Africa. Brain-frying heat in the day, and at night, air so cool one often needs fleece.

As the air grew colder, the sky had turned an unreal shade of orange, and as the minutes passed, streaks of pink and crimson melded into the mix. The color of the earth, as red as Georgia clay, deepened into richer tones of burnt ginger and umber. A tawny lion would be difficult to see against a backdrop almost the same color as he.

Tengwe slowed as we drove nearer to a small lake, where it seemed to be happy hour at the watering hole. Giraffes and zebra took turns drinking alongside warthogs and impala, each bowing its head gracefully to slurp water. A chorus of hornbills serenaded the wildlife with their haunting and melodious songs.

Tengwe drove around to the other side of the small lake, and there, in a shady stand of trees, lay the lions, so camouflaged into the warm, rusty hues of the ground that I almost didn't see them until Tengwe, with his excellent eyesight, pointed them out. We had been hunting for them most of the day, and finally they were before me.

Most of the other animals, sensing something amiss, snorted deeply and bounded away, their hoofs pounding against the earth and sending up clouds of dry dust into the wind. We were practically alone with the pride of three females.

From across the dusty plain, I saw a big male sauntering toward the watering hole. Everything I knew about lions came to me as I silently watched him. Lions are confident creatures, assured of their top rung in the food chain. One swipe of a huge paw or a rip with its razor-sharp teeth and any animal near it is kitty kibble. They grow up to 9 feet from the tip of their nose to their strong, muscle-laden tails and can weigh more than 400 pounds. Both males and females have those powerful roars, which can sometimes be heard from up to 5 miles away. The sound is mesmerizing and paralyzing, stopping anything or anyone in its tracks.

The mane of the lion before me was golden, not black as I had hoped, but no matter. On that day, he would be mine and all mine. The stunning, regal beast drew closer, and since we were on a reserve, in the waning light I saw that he had a radio collar. I didn't care. I wanted—no, had to have—my shot at him. Oh, but he would be some kind of beauty hanging on my wall back home in Georgia.

Seeing him so vulnerable and alone stirred something primal in me. It was time to get my shot. Slowly, as not to disturb the stunning beast, I raised my arms and took a bead on the creature. Just as I put my finger on the trigger, he looked straight at me. For a moment, I thought he could see into my soul with his amber-colored eyes.

"I've got you now," I whispered quickly as I fired off the first shot, and then another and another. He popped his head up, at first only slightly startled at the sound. Unbelievably he still kept coming straight toward me. Still I fired away, shooting him over and over and over again. It didn't seem to faze him, nor did he roar in protest. He merely panted heavily and then coughed, long and loud.

"Turn around! Turn around! Get behind him!" I snapped to Tengwe. "Lure him back to us! Don't let him get away!"

He quickly spun the Land Rover around, with clouds of red dust settling inside the vehicle, just so that I could fire off a few more shots. With the sudden crunching of smooth tire against gravelly dirt, from the corner of my eye I watched as the startled lionesses leapt up and moved toward the male although he was clearly beyond needing any help.

Even with all the shots I had fired, Ol' Ngala kept toddling toward the trio of lionesses. But then, as he did, it seemed as if all the light suddenly was wrenched from out of the day, and darkness enveloped us. It was time to go.

In just seconds the last of the sun faded away beneath the horizon. I laid my camera with all its gorgeous shots back into its protective case, took a long last look at Ol' Ngala and his ladies, and thought how beautiful those photographs would be framed and hanging on my office wall.

I then sat back as Tengwe shoved the Land Rover into first gear and we began the long journey back to the lodge.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Add prayers to your arsenal

Just checking on you guys to see if things are getting better and noticed the article where the reporter suggests maybe Saipan should have a desalination plant. We live in Key West for 14 years. The Keys look like a long stream of pearls off of the tip of Florida and it goes on for 130 miles to the last key—Key West. So Key West is 90 miles from Cuba and 135 miles from Miami.

We usually get our water from 16-inch pipes from the mainland, but in 2005 when Katrina hit, the line was broken and I think the groundwater in Miami was not safe so we could not use it.

The Navy had built a desalination plant in Key West in 1966 and gave it to our local water company but it had not been used in years. So they turned on the old plant and it worked! It was a miracle to us! Now, once a month, the local water plant turns the plant on and we use it one day out of the month, just in case! So glad the Marines could supply you with water.

Also we had a sister at the convent many years ago, who said if we prayed to the Virgin Mary, Key West would never be lost to a hurricane and we have actually been very lucky. There is a hurricane shrine by the side of the basilica and during hurricane season it seems like there is always someone there praying (it's become a tourist attraction). So don't forget to pray to the Virgin Mary, you are really in a typhoon zone. Good wishes to all.

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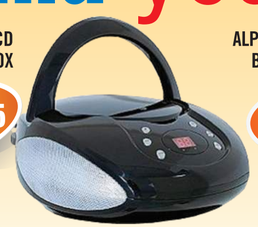

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. West winds 10 to 20 mph.
▲85° ▼76°

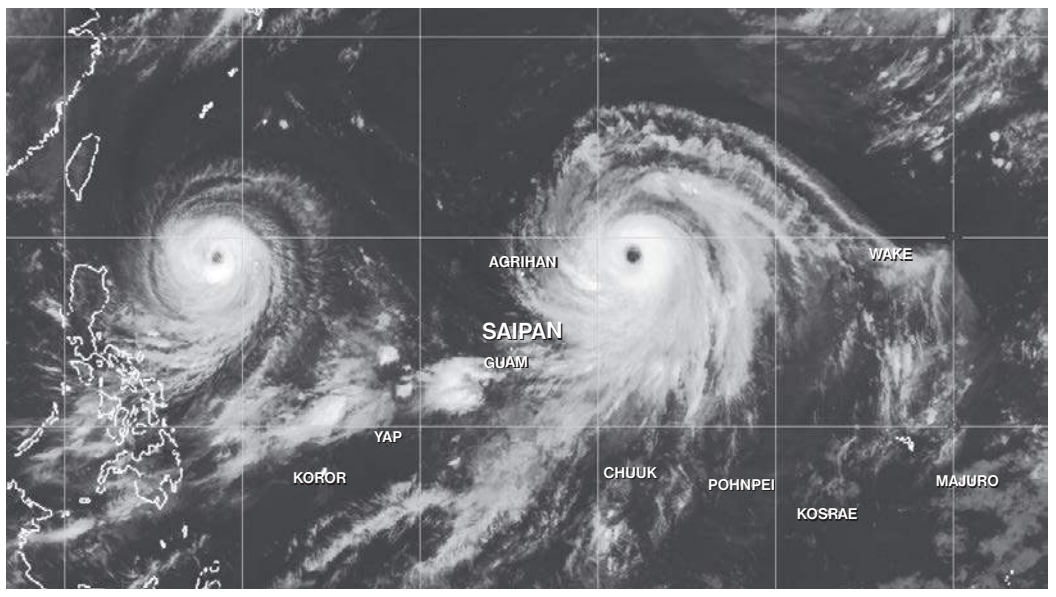
FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.
▲85° ▼76°

SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.
▲85° ▼76°

SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼76°

MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼76°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Goni (16W) is centered about 1090 miles west-northwest of Guam near 19N129E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present west of a line from 21N132E to 16N132E to beyond 130E. For more information on Typhoon Goni, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW. Super Typhoon Atsani (17W) is centered 515 miles east-northeast of Saipan near 19N153E with maximum sustained winds of 150 mph moving northwest at 14 mph. Heavy rain and isolated thunderstorms are occurring between 12N and 22N from 148E to 158E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen farther south between Guam and Chuuk within 130 miles of a line from 5N144E to 12N150E and between Chuuk and Pohnpei within 4N151E to 12N159E to 22N159E. For more information on Typhoon Atsani, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. Scattered showers and thunderstorms associated with monsoonal winds south of Typhoon Goni are present from just north of Koror and Yap to west of Guam within 130 miles of a line from 9N130E to 13N138E to 13N144E. A surface trough stretches east from south of Wake Island at 14N166E through the date line at 14N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found north of Kwajalein within 100 miles of a line from 15N167E to 10N169E and east of Majuro east of a line from 6N173E to 20N179E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼79
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲85	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼77
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲58	▼43
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲91	▼66
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼81
Honolulu	Showers	▲89	▼77
London	Showers	▲74	▼61
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼64
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼54
Miami	Thundershowers	▲92	▼79
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼75
Osaka	Rain	▲85	▼77
Paris	Cloudy	▲79	▼62
Pusan	Showers	▲85	▼73
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲83	▼66
Salem	Sunny	▲98	▼57
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼59
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼71
Tokyo	Rain	▲82	▼74
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲89	▼75

Tides

Saipan Harbor

6:19 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
11:59 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
6:10 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:04 AM	6:38 PM
Friday	6:04 AM	6:37 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:37 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:36 PM
Monday	6:04 AM	6:36 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:12 AM	10:13 PM
Friday	11:00 AM	10:55 PM
Saturday	11:49 AM	11:39 PM
Sunday	12:40 PM	
Monday	1:32 PM	12:26 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 2, 2015

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/721	2:25am	11:50am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Empty Vessel foundation helps Soudelor victims

The Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation is partnering with the American Red Cross, groups like Help Us Restore Our Island, United 4 Saipan, businesses, and individuals to help provide clothing, water, and basic needs of families whose houses were damaged by Typhoon Soudelor. We have assisted a lot of families whose household items were damaged or destroyed and we are continuing to help.

Families or individuals who need help are referred by American Red Cross to the foundation's garage outreach store in Gualo Rai. They receive clothing, water, and food depending on what we have. We also assist families in the shelters, with volunteers delivering the items needed.

Thank you to volunteers giving their time even after working hours to the people at the EVM store. Help would not have been possible without the generosity of individuals and groups donating clothes, water, and food.

EVM is located in Gualo Rai on Middle Road across EZ Mart, on the second floor of Kylies Bakery. Families or individuals who need assistance with clothing , water, and basic needs are welcome to be assisted. We ask also for donations of school supplies so that we are able to help children get the tools they need for the new school year. Monetary donations are accepted to aid our efforts and all donations are tax deductible.

EVM appreciates the support and generosity of the community, which is why our store was full of clothes and basic needs to help in times of need. The outpouring of donations touches us. We can be reached at 285-2197 or 483-0162. ***(PR)***

Leilani Nielson and her husband donate some items for the garage outreach. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation receives donations from Amanda. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A father shows off some of the clothes he got from the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation garage store. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation receives a donation from the Benavente family. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation receives a donation from Roxanne Torres. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation receives a donation from Mr. Kim. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Families receive clothes and basic items from the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation garage store. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation volunteers receive donations. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Texas group do car wash for typhoon relief

The CNMI Association of Central Texas recently conducted a car wash to raise funds for disaster relief for Saipan.

The group managed to raise more than $600 for the relief effort. Some members helped with the car wash while others held up banners to attract supporters.

"Many thanks to all that came out to support the cause, and to those with their generous donations," according to association president Jack P. Iglesias. ***(PR)***

MVA AT WORK

MVA

Staff of the Marianas Visitors Authority and Korea Tour Association of Saipan clear debris at the Last Command Post in Marpi on Aug. 12, 2015. The MVA is detailing staff to aid recovery efforts at tourist sites to minimize the impact of Typhoon Soudelor on tourism, the CNMI's primary economic driver.

MVA

Ray Villagomez of the Marianas Visitors Authority puts the final touch on clearing a pathway at the Last Command Post in Saipan.

MVA

Staff of the Marianas Visitors Authority clear debris at the Last Command Post in Marpi on Aug. 12, 2015. From left are MVA staffers James Sakamoto, Ed Diaz, and Laura Hsiao.

MVA

In the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor, Northern Marianas Diving Operators Association helped clear debris to reopen popular dive site Laulau Beach in August 2015.

MVA

Northern Marianas Diving Operators Association and Marianas Visitors Authority cleared debris to open the boat ramp at Garapan Fishing Base on Aug. 7, 2015, for dive boats and fishing vessels.

Man gets 1-year prison term for 'ice' possession

A man who was found in possession of less than a gram of methamphetamine or "ice" after he was stopped in As Lito for a traffic offense pleaded guilty yesterday and was slapped with a one-year prison term.

Walter Arellano Florencio Jr. pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman ordered Florencio to serve the prison term day for day without the possibility of parole.

Florencio was given credit for time served. He was ordered to pay a $2,000 fine and $100 court assessment fee.

Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen appeared for the government. Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig served as counsel for Florencio.

According to police, officer David Hosono was doing a periodic check on Tun Joaquin Doi Road in Finasisu on May 27, 2015, and was about to turn toward Martinez Road in As Lito when he saw a tinted car in front of his vehicle with no safety sticker for 2015 on the rear license plate.

Hosono pulled the car over on the shoulder of the road near Matty's Barbecue. The officer saw that Florencio's passengers—his girlfriend and her baby—were not wearing safety belts.

Florencio apologized to the officer, saying it was a rental car and he does not have with him his driver's license and vehicle registration.

The officer saw in the car some tools used to smoke "ice" so he advised the defendant to step out of the car. The officer then found a container under the driver's seat floor. The container had 0.6 gross grams of crystalline substance that tested presumptive positive for meth.

Florencio told police that his girlfriend is unaware of his drug activity and that he was planning to sell the "ice." ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

COMING TOGETHER CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Knowing the limited space of the Karidat office, the Joeten Kiyu Public Library has offered its space and staff to help with repacking relief goods–rice, soba noodles, different kinds of canned food, as well as cans of butane and toiletries such as body wash, shampoo, baby wipes, and sanitizers–that were donated by Best Sunshine Int'l, Ltd. Judy Pangelinan of Karidat said, "In the midst of our difficulties, we're fortunate to facilitate the distribution of these donations to those in dire need."

YOUNG VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ten-year-old Easton dela Cruz, a Hopwood Junior High School student, beams with pride while volunteering to help with packing the goods donated by Best Sunshine Int'l Ltd. The son of one of Karidat's frontliners, Elaine dela Cruz, says: "It's a good feeling to help people in need. I want to always be there for the good of the community."

Teenage boys need reliable advice about contraception

DEAR ABBY: In my family alone, three young women have—by their own admission—gotten pregnant on purpose to get their boyfriends to marry and support them. None of these marriages worked out. The horrible relationships were and still are hurtful and damaging, not only to the children, but also to the rest of the family. I'm aware of several other women who have admitted to entrapping their baby daddy by "forgetting to take their pills," so I know this isn't just happening in my family.

Contraceptive measures for boys are limited and fallible, and I am concerned. My nephews' mother entrapped their now-absent father, so I doubt she'll mention this to them. How and when does a relative talk to soon-to-be teen boys about entrapment?

ANONYMOUS RELATIVE

DEAR RELATIVE: The subject of contraception should be part of an ongoing, age-appropriate conversation about sex and reproduction. Boys and girls mature physically earlier than they did decades ago, and because of the Internet they are often exposed to a wide variety of information.

I do think a warning is in order because of your regrettable family situation. However, you should be aware that no law dictates that a man "has" to marry a woman (or girl) he has gotten pregnant. If a paternity test proves he is the father of the baby, he IS required to support his child until the child is no longer a minor.

DEAR ABBY: My widowed mother-in-law began dating a man a few months ago. My husband and I are happy for her because he seems to be a good person. She really seems to enjoy spending time with him.

We live in Michigan and she lives in South Carolina. She told me she has asked him to come with her the next time she visits us. I have no problem with this, but I do not want them to share a room in my home because they're not married. I have boys who are 10 and 13, and I think it would send the wrong message.

Yes, I know I'm old-fashioned. Talk about role reversal! How do I handle this?

STICKING TO IT

DEAR STICKING TO IT: Handle it by offering to make reservations for your mother-in-law and her gentleman friend at a nearby hotel or motel. And if she asks you why, explain it to her as you explained it to me.

DEAR ABBY: I have neighbors whose house I go to in order to see pay-per-view fights. I split the cost of the fights and food with them. The problem is, if anyone else comes over, they don't pitch in. Also, they eat the food I just paid half of. Another issue is I eat for one and they eat for five, yet we split the cost down the middle. How do I resolve this?

SHORT END OF THE DEAL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SHORT END: You could try duking it out, but the most effective way would be for you to discuss it with your neighbors, because I agree what's happening doesn't seem fair to you.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

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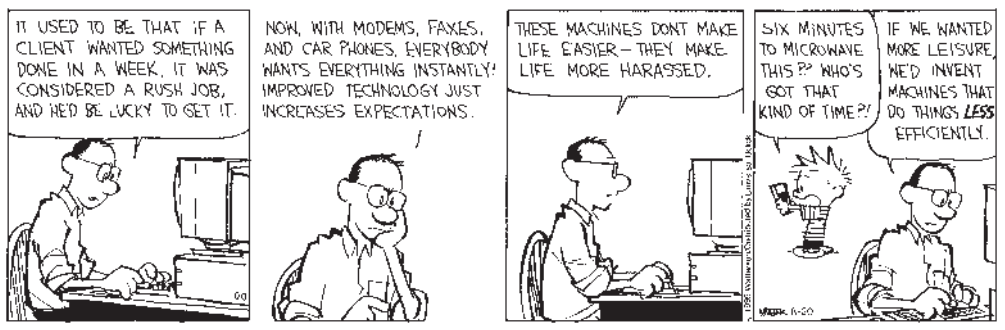
By Bill Waterson


IT USED TO BE THAT IF A CLIENT WANTED SOMETHING DONE IN A WEEK, IT WAS CONSIDERED A RUSH JOB, AND HE'D BE LUCKY TO GET IT.
NOW, WITH MODEMS, FAXES, AND CAR PHONES, EVERYBODY WANTS EVERYTHING INSTANTLY! IMPROVED TECHNOLOGY JUST INCREASES EXPECTATIONS.
THESE MACHINES DON'T MAKE LIFE EASIER — THEY MAKE LIFE MORE HARASSED.
SIX MINUTES TO MICROWAVE THIS?! WHO'S GOT THAT KIND OF TIME?!
IF WE WANTED MORE LEISURE, WE'D INVENT MACHINES THAT DO THINGS LESS EFFICIENTLY.

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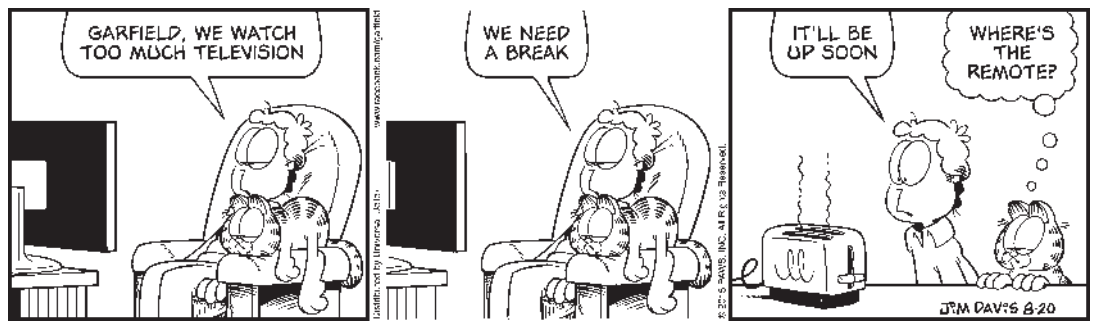

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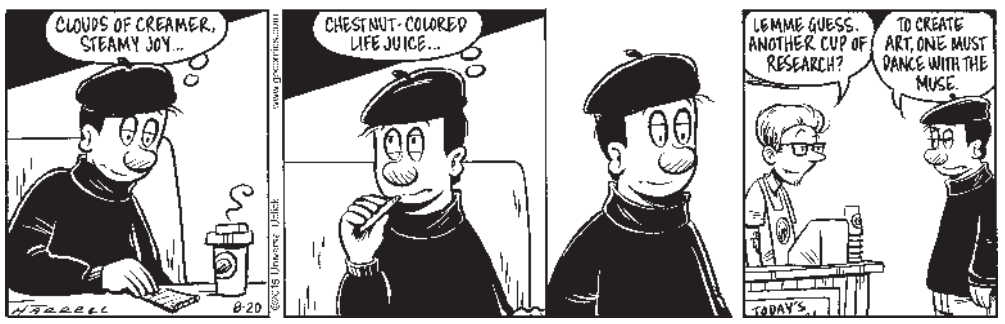
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TODAY'S

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Tobacco type
5 Possesses
8 Francis, e.g.
12 Places
13 Group of scenes
14 Acknowledge
15 Unoriginal one
16 Geese-in-flight formation
17 — Rose
18 Shrew
20 Go sightseeing
22 Accepts the truth
26 Make one
29 Speck
30 Feedbag morsel
31 Logical
32 Wrestling victory
33 Carvey or Delany
34 Citric drink
35 Pendulum site?
36 Brave
37 Office equipment
40 Chess piece
41 Gunman's missile
45 Connections
47 Egos' counterparts
49 Tiny bit
50 Drudgery
51 Poolroom stick
52 Wound cover
53 On the — (unfriendly)
54 Bart, to Homer
55 Throw

DOWN

1 Balkan native
2 Arizona tribe
3 Big name in desktop PCs
4 He can hold his head high
5 Destruction
6 Blackjack component
7 Cowboy hat
8 — New Guinea
9 Cold-weather gear
10 Cauldron
11 Ram's mate
19 Festive
21 Frequently
23 Archie's wife
24 Catches some rays
25 Remain
26 Mil. branch
27 Zilch
28 Unskilled
32 Eaters' outings
33 Sword-play specialist
35 Manhandle
36 Wildebeest
38 Mardi Gras props
39 "Peer Gynt" playwright
42 Crazy
43 H H H, in Greece
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46 Debtor's letters
48 Pair

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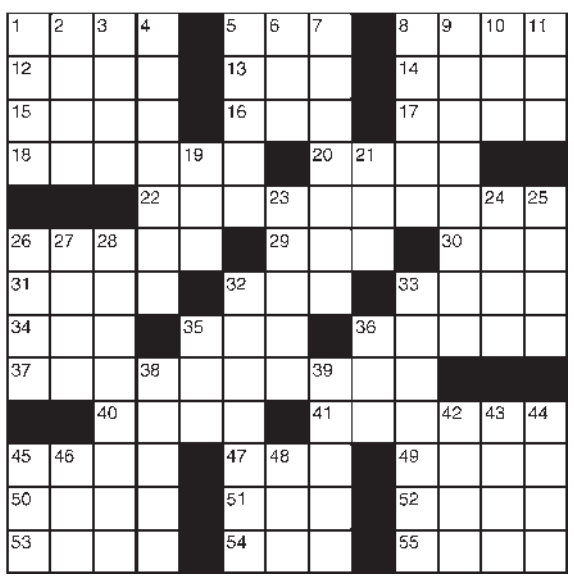

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Have some fun. Now is not the time to sulk over what you don't have when you should be thankful and enjoying what you do. Being positive will invite a lot more opportunities your way. Share your ideas in an entertaining fashion. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Spend time with the people who can help you advance. You have some good ideas that need to be shared if you want to be successful. You will ease financial pressure if you find a new way to use your talents. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Take on the physical chores that need to be completed and you will impress others and live up to the promises you've made to your loved ones. Put aside time to spend with someone special. A positive personal change is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): The best way to deal with the pressure that someone puts on you is by taking care of your end of the deal. Don't let emotions slow your progress or make you look bad. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): The more you collaborate, the more you will learn, grow and advance. Your ability to make others feel important will help you move into a leadership position. Your suggestions and solutions will set you apart from the competition. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): A business trip or discussions with potential collaborators can help you get things accomplished faster and more efficiently. Take care of institutional matters and stick to proper protocol to avoid setbacks. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Try to learn from past experiences in order to help you navigate the challenges you are currently facing. Stay focused on the important projects you have started, but put time aside to enjoy the company of someone you love. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Keep an eye on the people you are dealing with. Someone will try to make you look bad. Don't get angry when doing your job superbly is your ticket to overcoming the jealousy of others. Choose intelligence and diplomacy over revenge. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Learn from the mistakes made by others. Put more effort into raising your standards or improving your domestic situation. Planning a getaway for two will add spice to your life and encourage a happier future. Make love a priority. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Be ready to take advantage of an opportunity. There is money to be made and gains that will lead to a more affluent lifestyle. Don't let impulsive behavior take over. It's your perfect sense of timing that will bring you success. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Share your thoughts, concerns and ideas with someone who can help you improve your earning potential. Look at the big picture and take into consideration all the different ways you can put your skills to better use. Don't sell yourself short. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): A couple of subtle changes will do you good. Discuss your plans with someone you look up to or who your decisions will affect. Set your plans in motion in order to put the past behind you. ✪✪✪✪✪

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		8				1		
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5				2				7
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9	3						6	1
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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

5	4	7	6	9	8	2	3	1
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1	7	4	5	6	2	3	8	9
4	5	2	7	3	6	1	9	8
8	3	9	4	2	1	7	6	5
7	6	1	9	8	5	4	2	3

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- Must have international coaching experience at the national level.
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Granderson, deGrom lead Mets past Orioles, 5-3

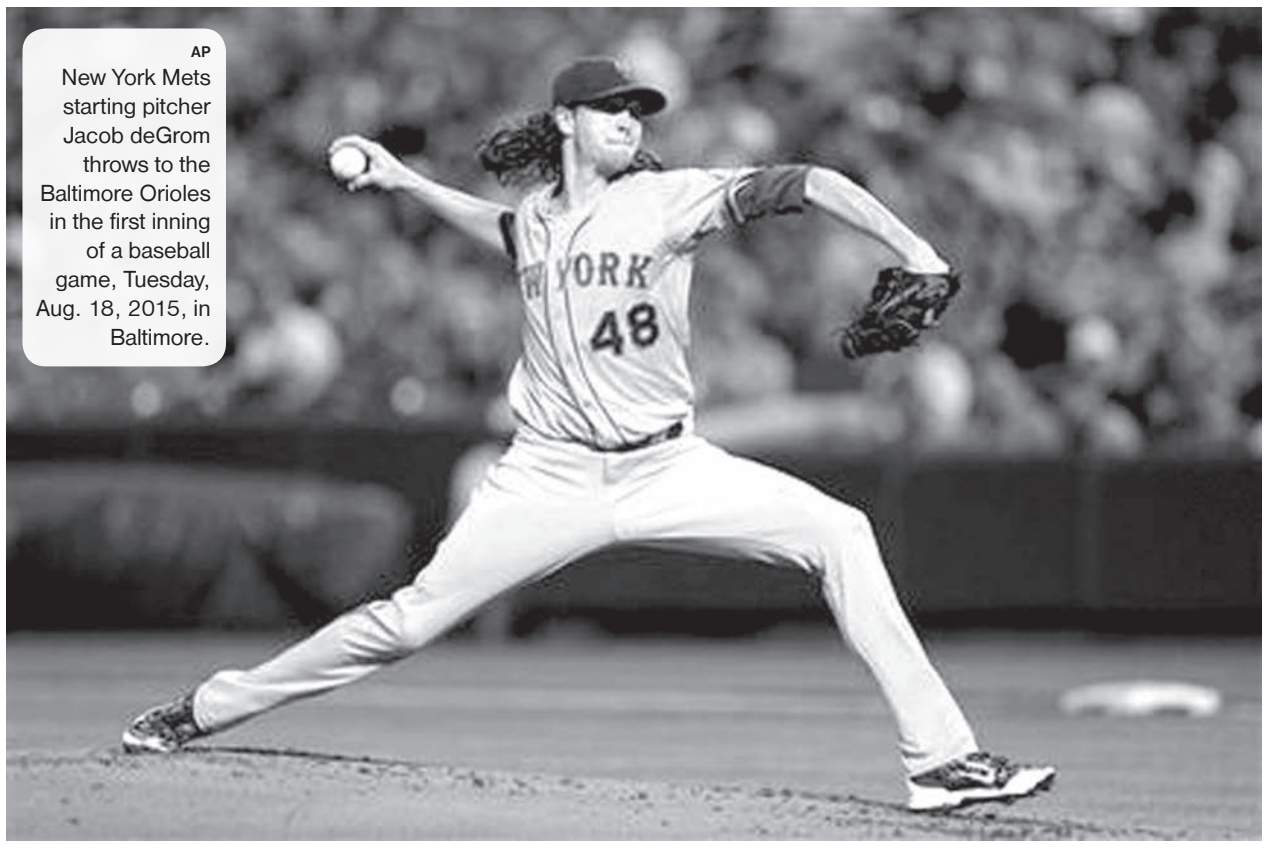
BALTIMORE (AP)—Jacob deGrom took a four-hitter into the eighth inning, Curtis Granderson hit two solo homers and the New York Mets beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-3 Tuesday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

Granderson connected off Kevin Gausman (2-5) on the game's second pitch and homered again in the fifth, then deGrom made the lead stand for the first-place Mets.

Baltimore had won four straight.

New York has won nine in a row against the Orioles dating back to June 2010.

The 6-foot-4 deGrom (12-6) gave up one run, five hits and a walk in 7 2/3 innings. The right-hander struck out six and lowered his ERA to 1.98, second-best in the National League behind the Dodgers' Zack Greinke.



AP
New York Mets starting pitcher Jacob deGrom throws to the Baltimore Orioles in the first inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015, in Baltimore.

Yankees 8, Twins 4

In New York, Alex Rodriguez hit a slump-busting grand slam in the seventh inning, and the Yankees rallied from a three-run deficit against a depleted bullpen to beat the Twins.

A-Rod extended his major league record for grand slams, hitting the 25th of his career into the Yankees bullpen off J.R. Graham (0-1) to put New York up 5-4. Rodriguez connected on a 95 mph fastball, snapping an 0-for-18 slump and earning a curtain call from the crowd of 38,007.

Rookie Miguel Sano homered for the second consecutive game, a two-run shot off CC Sabathia, and Shane Robinson had an RBI single against Nick Rumbelow (1-0) in the seventh to give Minnesota a 4-1 lead.

Blue Jays 8, Phillies 5

In Philadelphia, Josh Donaldson hit two homers, and Edwin Encarnacion also went deep as the Blue Jays beat the Phillies.

The AL wild card-leading Blue Jays have won 13 of 15. They entered one game behind the AL East-leading New York Yankees.

The Phillies, who have the worst record in the majors, have lost four straight and five of six after winning 16 of 21 following the All-Star break.

Donaldson hit a drive off Aaron Nola into the second deck in left field in the first. His three-run shot in the sixth off Jeanmar Gomez (1-3) gave the Blue Jays a 7-5 lead.

Liam Hendricks (4-0) pitched out of a jam in the fifth.

Red Sox 9, Indians 1

In Boston, Travis Shaw went 4 for 4, Mookie Betts drove in three runs with a bases-loaded double and the Red Sox beat the Indians, announcing a major front-office shake-up late in the game.

Dave Dombrowski was hired to take over baseball operations for general manager Ben Cherington. Boston is in danger of finishing last in the AL East for the third time in four seasons.

Brock Holt had three hits and two RBIs for the Red Sox, who have won five of six and continued a recent offensive surge with 16 hits.

Boston's Eduardo Rodriguez (7-5) pitched eight solid innings. Trevor Bauer (9-10) was pulled early for the second straight start.

Royals 3, Reds 1, 13 innings

In Cincinnati, Ben Zobrist tied the game with a homer in the ninth inning, Jarrod Dyson scored the tie-breaking run from first base on pitcher Ryan Mattheus' throwing error and the Royals went on to a 13-inning victory over the Reds.

Dyson led off the 13th with a single and scored when Mattheus (1-4) threw a sacrifice bunt by Kris Medlen (1-0) down the right field line.

Greg Holland finished for his 27th save.

Zobrist stunned the crowd of 28,719 by leading off the ninth against Aroldis Chapman with his 10th homer of the season. Chapman had converted 56 consecutive save opportunities at home since blowing one against Houston on Sept. 7, 2012.

Mariners 3, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Hisashi Iwakuma followed his no-hitter by limiting Texas to two runs and five hits over seven innings as the Mariners beat the Rangers.

All of Seattle's scoring came in the first inning on three extra-base hits, including Seth Smith's 10th home run of the season.

Iwakuma (5-2) gave up a hit to Texas' second batter, a single by Shin-Soo Choo. He retired 12 straight at one point and struck out six while walking one.

The right-hander no-hit Baltimore 3-0 in Seattle last Wednesday.

The Rangers' winning streak ended at five games.

Rangers rookie right-hander Chi Chi Gonzalez (2-5) set a career high with seven strikeouts.

Marlins 9, Brewers 6

In Milwaukee, Ichiro Suzuki had his first four-hit game in over two years, and Cole Gillespie drove in a season-high three runs to lead the Marlins past the Brewers.

Suzuki was 4 for 5 with two runs scored for his first four-hit game since July 28, 2013.

Adeiny Hechavarria extended his career-high hitting streak to 12 games and relief pitcher Kendry Flores (1-1) faced one batter in the fourth in his first major league victory. With the bases loaded, A.J. Ramos got the final out in the ninth for his 20th save.

Milwaukee rookie starter Tyler Cravy (0-5) lasted only 2 2-3 innings after giving up seven runs—four earned—to go with seven hits and three walks.

Astros 3, Rays 2

In Houston, Marwin Gonzalez had three hits and his 10th-inning leadoff homer lifted the Astros to a victory over the Rays.

The game was tied at 2-all when Gonzalez connected off All-Star closer Brad Boxberger (4-9), sending a full-count fastball into the seats in right field to give Houston the win.

Luke Gregerson (6-2) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

The Rays led 2-1 in the eighth before an RBI double by Carlos Correa tied it up.

Curt Casali homered for the Rays, who lost for the fourth time in five games.

Giants 2, Cardinals 0

In St. Louis, Ryan Vogelsong pitched six innings of two-hit ball and ace Madison Bumgarner keyed a seventh-inning rally with his first career pinch hit, helping the San Francisco Giants beat the St. Louis Cardinals 2-0 on Tuesday night.

Brandon Crawford doubled leading off the fifth for the Giants' first hit when left fielder Brandon Moss couldn't quite hold onto his drive down the line near both walls.

The Giants have won six of eight and handed the Cardinals, who got a strong bounce-back outing from Lance Lynn (9-8), just their 19th home loss compared with 45 wins.

Vogelsong (9-8) struck out five and walked one while throwing 101 pitches.

Pirates 9, Diamondbacks 8, 15 innings

In Pittsburgh, Pedro Florimon tripled home Francisco Cervelli with two outs in the bottom of the 15th for the Pirates.

Cervelli singled off Keith Hessler (0-1) for his fourth hit of the game and Florimon hit a high flyball to right field that clanged off the wall.

Joe Blanton (5-2) pitched three innings of scoreless relief for the Pirates. Starling Marte and Jung Ho Kang homered for Pittsburgh, which won despite blowing a late five-run lead.

Paul Goldschmidt drove in two runs and tied the game off Pittsburgh closer Mark Melancon in the ninth. Aaron Hill had three hits for Arizona, which left 11 runners on base.

Melancon's club-record consecutive save streak ended at 35.

Tigers 10, Cubs 8

In Chicago, Ian Kinsler had five hits, including a home run, and Detroit used a three-run eighth inning to rally for the victory.

Nick Castellanos had a two-run single and J.D. Martinez added a sacrifice fly in the tie-breaking eighth.

Martinez and Anthony Gose also homered for the Tigers in a game that was delayed for 2 hours and 17 minutes after a strong thunderstorm hit with one out in the bottom of the third.

Anthony Rizzo singled in Dexter Fowler to tie it 6-all in the seventh as the Cubs rallied from four runs down. But they lost their second straight following a nine-game winning streak. Chicago's eight-game home winning streak also ended.

Rookie Kyle Schwarber launched a three-run blast — his ninth homer in 35 games — and Chris Coghlan hit a two-run shot for the Cubs.

Al Alburquerque (3-0), the fourth of six Detroit relievers, got one out and the win.

Pedro Strop (1-6), the fifth of six Chicago relievers, gave up the three runs in the eighth and took the loss.

Nationals 15, Rockies 6

In Denver, Yunel Escobar homered and drove in four runs to help Washington end a six-game losing streak.

Michael A. Taylor hit a go-ahead RBI single in the seventh and the Nationals capitalized on a lack of control by Rockies pitchers in a four-run eighth to turn a close game into a rout.

Bryce Harper walked a career-high four times, scoring each time to help Jordan Zimmermann (9-8) come away with the victory despite allowing six runs in six innings.

Jose Reyes had four hits, including his first home run as a member of the Rockies. Kyle Parker and Carlos Gonzalez also homered for the Rockies. Gonzalez was lifted in the sixth inning because of inflammation in his right knee and was listed as day to day.

Parker homered off Zimmermann to lead off the sixth but Washington went back in front in its next at-bat on Taylor's RBI single off reliever Justin Miller (1-2) who had put a runner in scoring position by issuing two walks.

In all, Rockies pitchers walked 10 Nationals, including two more in the ninth, when they added four more runs.

Angels 5, White Sox 3

In Anaheim, Calif., Los Angeles' Kole Calhoun and Albert Pujols homered in the first inning against John Danks.

Garrett Richards (12-9) was charged with three runs—two earned—and eight hits in seven-plus innings with four strikeouts and no walks.

Richards threw 25 of his 95 pitches in the sixth inning, when the White Sox closed to 4-2 with a two-out RBI double by Jose Abreu. But the Angels got a run-scoring infield hit in the seventh from Shane Victorino.

Richards left in the eighth after giving up two singles. Adam Eaton drove in a run with a fielder's choice grounder against Joe Smith, but Huston Street pitched a perfect ninth for his 29th save in 33 chances.

Danks (6-10) was charged with five runs—four earned—and five hits in seven innings.

Athletics 5, Dodgers 4

In Oakland, Calif., Billy Butler hit an RBI double in the 10th inning and Oakland outlasted Clayton Kershaw and the Dodgers.

Mark Canha opened the 10th with a double off Yimi Garcia, his fourth hit of the game. Butler then lined the next pitch to right, and the throw from Scott Van Slyke sailed well wide of home plate, allowing Canha to score easily and end the A's season-high seven-game losing streak.

Kershaw gave up one run over seven innings. He walked two, struck out seven and left with a 4-1 lead.

Canha had a two-run double when Oakland scored three runs in the eighth off reliever Pedro Baez. Marcus Semien added a tying RBI single.

A.J. Ellis hit a three-run home run for Los Angeles, which had its three-game winning streak snapped.

Padres 9, Braves 0

In San Diego, Melvin Upton Jr. hit two two-run home runs against his former team and Yangervis Solarte hit a three-run shot to back James Shields and give the Padres the win.

Upton, acquired from the Braves in a seven-player trade the day before the season opened, homered in the sixth inning off David Aardsma and in the eighth off Andrew McKirahan to help Shields with a much-needed laugher.

Upton, who has five homers this season, was a late addition to the starting lineup after Will Venable was traded to Texas a few hours before the game.

Shields (9-5) won for just the second time in 14 starts. It took him eight starts to get his eighth win and then six starts to get his ninth. He held Atlanta to five hits and struck out seven in six innings.

The loss went to rookie Matt Wisler (5-3), who had been the Padres' top pitching prospect before being sent to Atlanta in the big trade on April 5. He allowed two runs and six hits in five innings.

The Braves have lost 17 of 25.

Red Sox hire Dombrowski as president; GM Cherington is out

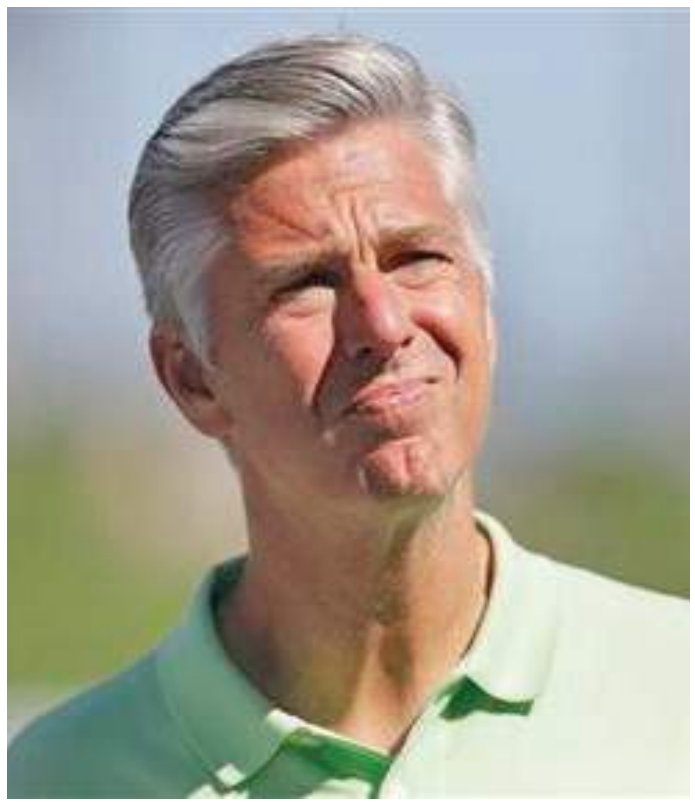
BOSTON (AP) — On their way to a third last-place finish in four seasons, the Boston Red Sox shook up their front office on Tuesday night by hiring Dave Dombrowski as the new president of baseball operations and saying goodbye to general manager Ben Cherington.

Dombrowski takes over his fifth major league club immediately. The team said in a news release during its game against the Cleveland Indians that Cherington "declined the opportunity to continue as general manager" but will help with the transition.

"In nearly four decades in the game, Dave is a proven winner," Red Sox chairman Tom Werner said. "He can restore winning ways to Yawkey Way and help to fulfill the Red Sox goal, every year, to be playing meaningful games into October."

After taking over as the Montreal Expos GM at the age of 32, Dombrowski went on to build a World Series champion with the Florida Marlins. He took Detroit to the Series twice, winning four straight AL Central titles in 14 years in the Tigers' front office.

But with Detroit playing below .500, Dombrowski was let go two weeks ago—shortly after the Red Sox announced that president and CEO Larry Lucchino would step away from the club at the end of the season. Red Sox COO Sam Kennedy will run the business of the ballclub, and Dombrowski takes over the baseball side.



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In this March 17, 2015, file photo, Dave Dombrowski, then-Detroit Tigers general manager, waits for a spring training baseball game between the Tigers and the Washington Nationals in Lakeland, Fla.

"He is one of the most highly regarded executives in all of baseball, and had options to go with other clubs," said Red Sox owner John Henry, who owned the Marlins for part of Dombrowski's tenure there. "We feel very fortunate that he wanted to come to Boston and wanted to further his career—now with the Red Sox—as one of the great architects of winning baseball clubs."

Dombrowski said he was eager to get a head start on building the 2016 club. He said he had other teams interested but he saw great potential in the Red Sox's farm system and in the young players who have already reached the major leagues.

"There was no option that stood out as clearly as the chance to come to Boston and win with the Red Sox," he said. "Boston is a baseball city like no other and its history and traditions are unique in our game. I expressed to John and Tom that Boston would be my absolute top choice and am honored to have the chance."

Cherington built the Red Sox team that won the 2013 World Series, but the club finished last in his three other seasons. In all, his clubs won 289 games and lost 315.

"Ben Cherington is one of the finest individuals I have ever worked with, possessing a maturity and integrity second to none," Henry said. "Over 17 years with the Red Sox and in the four years as our general manager, he always put the best interests of our organization first and foremost, winning a World Series Championship in 2013."

Cherington took over from Theo Epstein after the team collapsed in September, 2011, going 7-20 to blow a nine-game lead in the AL wild-card race and miss the playoffs on the final day of the season. Cherington's first season was doomed after he agreed to hire Bobby Valentine as manager, a move that resulted in the team's worst finish in half of a century.

Cherington kick-started the rebuilding by sending big-name free agents Josh Beckett, Carl Crawford and Adrian Gonzalez to the Los Angeles Dodgers, then spent the offseason adding lower-priced but high-character players like Shane Victorino, Jonny Gomes and Mike Napoli. Under John Farrell, the Red Sox rode the civic pride in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombing to the 2013 World Series title—the third in a decade for the once-cursed franchise.

But the Red Sox were back to last place in 2014—the first team in major league history to go from worst to first and back to worst. Cherington's efforts to rebuild this season with high-priced free agents like Hanley Ramirez and Pablo Sandoval have shown little success; the Red Sox finished the night at 53-66, 13 1/2 games behind the rival New York Yankees.

Sources: Brady, Goodell meet but 'Deflategate' unresolved

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell met Tuesday to discuss settling the "Deflategate" legal case but were unsuccessful, two people familiar with the case told The Associated Press.

The failure to strike a deal after about four hours of talks means a Wednesday hearing will proceed as scheduled.

The people, who spoke on condition of anonymity Tuesday because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the case, said the talks occurred away from the Manhattan federal court handling the case. The location was not disclosed.

Lawyers are scheduled to argue Wednesday whether it was fair for the NFL to suspend Brady for four games this season after Goodell concluded he conspired to deflate footballs before a playoff game. No ruling from U.S. District Judge Richard Berman is expected.

Brady plans to be at Patriots practice in West Virginia instead, where New England is preparing with New Orleans Saints players for a preseason game Saturday night.

Brady missed practice on Tuesday.

Berman has been trying to move the sides toward a settlement of the dispute over deflated footballs that has morphed into never-ending offseason scandal. If there is no settlement, Berman will decide whether Brady's suspension remains in place at the start of the season.

Brady participated fully in practice on Monday. Second-year quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo and recently signed veteran backup Ryan Lindley handled the snaps on Tuesday.

"Brady is a key part of this team, a leader," said Patriots cornerback Malcolm Butler. "There's nothing like having Brady out there. But if he's there or not, we're still going to work hard either way."

Lindley was signed Aug. 10 after the team released veteran Matt Flynn.

"He comes to work," Lindley said of Brady. "I think the biggest thing, though, that has impressed me is his leadership. I think you see it out here on the practice field, and obviously it transfers onto the game field on Sundays."

Butler took advantage of the no-Brady day, nearly picking off a pass during 11-on-11 walk-through drills and drawing an on-field comment from coach Bill Belichick.

"He just told me we needed that in a big-time situation," said Butler, who knows all about that after his clinching interception in the Super Bowl.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	66	52	.559	—
Toronto	66	54	.550	1
Baltimore	61	57	.517	5
Tampa Bay	59	60	.496	7½
Boston	53	66	.445	13½

Central Division

Kansas City	72	46	.610	—
Minnesota	59	60	.496	13½
Detroit	57	61	.483	15
Chicago	55	62	.470	16½
Cleveland	55	63	.466	17

West Division

Houston	65	55	.542	—
Los Angeles	62	57	.521	2½
Texas	60	58	.508	4
Seattle	56	64	.467	9
Oakland	52	69	.430	13½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	64	55	.538	—
Washington	59	59	.500	4½
Atlanta	53	66	.445	11
Miami	49	70	.412	15
Philadelphia	46	73	.387	18

Central Division

St. Louis	76	43	.639	—
Pittsburgh	70	47	.598	5
Chicago	67	50	.573	8
Cincinnati	51	66	.436	24
Milwaukee	51	70	.421	26

West Division

Los Angeles	67	52	.563	—
San Francisco	65	54	.546	2
Arizona	58	60	.492	8½
San Diego	58	62	.483	9½
Colorado	48	69	.410	18

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flawless, gaining her second and third wins in Group B yesterday after prevailing against Vanuatu's Rosalie Molballeh, 7-5, 6-2, and American Samoa's Hanisi Ledua, 6-0, 6-0. With her clean slate, Tan got an outright quarterfinals seat and will next face the winner in the playoff match between Vanuatu's Daisy Spiti and American Samoa's Mychealla Miller.

Malika Miyawaki also moved automatically to the quarterfinals after placing second in Group C with her 2-1 record. The fourth-ranked Miyawaki bagged her second win against Mychealla, 6-2, 6-2, but missed a sweep after bowing to the third-seeded Lea Lamorelle of Tahiti, 4-6, 6-7 (3). Mimi Sakano equaled Miyawaki's record after splitting her Day 3 matches. Sakano first lost to the top-ranked Naia Guitton of Tahiti, 0-6, 0-6, before recovering with a 6-2, 6-3 triumph over Spiti. Sakano's next opponent is Solomon Islands' Chrisma Au.

Still in the U14 singles results, Schorr finished on top of Group C after dominating Samoa's Kristen Pavitt, 6-1, 6-0, and will be paired against the winless Shabil Ajmeer of Fiji. Vincent Tudela, on the other hand, will collide against Pavitt, after the former dropped his last pool match against Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy, 2-6, 0-6.

In the girls U12 singles, Conatsu got an immaculate record in Group B following her impressive 6-0, 6-0 win over Samoa's Leafine Cronin. The unbeaten mark gave Conatsu an outright quarterfinals ticket and a possible date with fellow CNMI player Ericka Tuttle, who will face the Federated States of Micronesia's Anne Skilling in the first round of the playoffs. Conatsu's sibling, Coume, will be up against Cronin after the younger Kaga finished Group A with a 2-1 record. Coume ended pool play with a victory over Skilling, 6-1, 6-1.

In the boys U12 singles, both Ji Min Woo and Seung Jin Paik Paik and Ji Min Woo lost their last matches in pool play to remain winless in the tournament. Paik bowed to Guam's Andrew Leng yesterday, 6-0, 6-2, and must beat Fiji's Kelese Kofe today to avoid early elimination. Woo, who absorbed his third loss in as many games at the hands of Fiji's Maui Leflon, 3-6, 2-6, is in the same must-win situation when he challenges Vanuatu's Warea Tigona in the first round of the playoffs.

Meanwhile, doubles action in the three age groups will also begin today.

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Wo Lee, manager Derek Chambers, and doctor Jungsang Park.

The CNMI players have been practicing since September last year and have included watching video footages of their new opponents in their preparation for next month's competition.

"We don't know much about these teams so what we did was look for videos in the Internet. Fortunately, we found some when they played in the ASEAN Football Federation U16 Youth Championship. We watched these videos to sort of scout our opponents," Angeles said.

The AFF youth event was held in Cambodia from July 25 to Aug. 9 this year with Thailand topping the 11-team field. Laos finished fourth behind third placer Australia and runner-up Myanmar. Laos, which lost to Myanmar in the semifinals, 0-1, was in Group A of the pool play and ruled its division with a 4-1-0 win-draw-loss record. Malaysia (2-0-3) and Timor Leste (1-2-2) were in the same group and ranked third and fifth, respectively, in the eliminations.

"Those three teams are toughs ones. They are quick so we really have to keep up with their pace so we can produce the best possible results when we play them," Angeles said.

"We like our chances against the Philippines, but we don't want to be over confident. We have to play our best every game regardless which team we face," the assistant coach added.

The Philippines was in Group B of the AFF event and dropped all its elimination games, losing to Australia, Myanmar, Singapore, and Cambodia. The Philippines scored only three goals in the entire tournament and gave up 16—the most allowed in the tournament.

Meanwhile, the AFC qualifier is divided into 11 groups. Group A has Uzbekistan, Yemen, Palestine, and Maldives, while the rest of the field are as follows: Nepal, Oman, Kyrgyztan, and Jordan (Group B); Qatar, Tajikistan, Iraq, and Turkmenistan (Group C); Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Bangladesh (Group D); Iran, Bahrain, India, and Lebanon (Group E); Syria, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Sri Lanka (Group F); North Korea, Thailand, Singapore, and Cambodia (Group H); South Korea, China, Chinese-Taipei, and Macau (Group I); Australia, Vietnam, Myanmar, and Guam (Group J); and Japan, Hong Kong, Mongolia (Group K).

The top finisher from the 11 groups and the four best second-placed teams (combined pool) will qualify to the finals that will be held in India. The host country gets an outright slot to the finale that has yet to be scheduled. If India tops its group, the fifth second-best placed squad will join the 16-team final field.

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Song, 4 others earn sweeps

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Ken Song, seen here going for a return near the net, is unbeaten in pool play in the boys U14 singles division of the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji.

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Five CNMI players finished pool play undefeated in their respective divisions in the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.

Ken Song was among them as he capped his Group D matches in the boys U14 singles event with a 3-0 record. Song completed the sweep after downing Fiji's Nakul Sachindra, 6-2, 6-0, yesterday at the Regional Training Center in Lautoka, Fiji. With his perfect record, Song is paired against a lowly ranked foe in Fiji's Shantanu Shail in the playoffs. Shail was winless in three games in Pool A.

Duplicating Song's sweep in the pool play were fellow U14 players Robbie Schorr and Tania Tan, U12's Conatsu Kaga, and U16's Carol Lee.

Lee went 3-0 following her twin wins in Day 3 of the competition. She topped Fiji's Ruby Coffin, 6-0, 6-1, and shut down American Samoa's Michele Miller, 6-0, 6-0, in Group A to earn an automatic quarterfinals berth in the girls U16 singles. The top-ranked Lee will face in the Round of 8 the winner in the first playoff match between Samoa's Anasis Saipele and Guam's Tara Lee in the upper half of the draw.

In the lower half, the CNMI's Isabel Heras and Ami Tsukagoshi duel Miller and Coffin, respectively. Tsukagoshi made it to the win column in Group C after beating Lee, 6-3, 6-4, while Heras fell short in her Group B match over Fiji's Vienna Kumar, 3-6, 6-4, 2-6, to drop to a 0-3 record.

In the girls U14, Tan was

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Cataluna, Avendano get FilTaga July Ace

Avendano

Cataluna

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Ruben Avendano and Freddie Cataluna had a 1-2 finish in the Filtaga July Ace of the Month Tournament at the Marianas Country Club late last month to notch the club's monthly awards.

Avendano shot a field-best net 70 to take the B division July Ace, while Cataluna carded a net 71 to take the monthly plum in the A division.

The 22-handicapper Avendano had a gross 92 built from his 44 in the first nine holes and 48 in the last. He saved par in holes No. 3, 4, 8, 14, and 15 to beat Raffy Piamonte (net 71) in the B division.

In the A division, Cataluna had the second best gross score behind William Retardo (76) at 77 and ended up on top of his field as his 6 handicap gave him a one-shot lead over the Mariana Resort executive chef. Retardo finished with a net 72 with his 4 handicap. Cataluna took the close win as he made par on the last hole, the par-4 368-yard No. 18, while Retardo had a bogey. Cataluna also had pars on four other holes at the back nines (Nos. 10, 13, 15, and 17) for a gross 40. At the front nine, the A division winner tallied a 37, as he made a birdie on the par-3, 178-yard No. 8 and had pars on holes No. 1, 2, 4, 6, and 9.

Meanwhile, 18 others joined FilTaga's July Ace of the Month event held last July 27. The list includes Larry Pascual (72), Palik Thompson (72), Rene Batallones (73), Gil Faller (74), Joseph Fernandez (74), Vic Romana (74), John Matsumoto (75), Nazareno Ortiz (75), Manny Po (75), Norman Tenorio (75), Mike Cruz (76), Randy Tudela (77), Ernie Lopez (78), Jacinto Ramones (78), Lito Mendoza (80), Nestor Siruelo (80), Dandito Breboneria (80), and Paul Bea (82).

Meanwhile, the club's August Ace tournament will be held this Sunday at Coral Ocean Point. Tee-off is at 12:30pm with a check-in time an hour earlier.

CNMI faces new foes in AFC U16 qualifier

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The CNMI will be up against unfamiliar opponents when it competes in the AFC U16 Championship India 2016 Qualifiers in Laos next month.

The CNMI U16 National Team will be facing the host country, Timor Este, Malaysia, and the Philippines for the first time, as the five participating teams battle for the lone qualifying slot in Group G.

"It's going to be a very different playing field because we're use to meeting teams from East Asian Football Federation (South and North Korea, China, Hong Kong, Macau, Guam, Mongolia, Chinese-Taipei, and Japan). It's a different brand of football," said Jersh Angeles in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

Angeles is assisting Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director and CNMI coach Kiyoshi Sekiguchi in preparing the Commonwealth's U16 crew for the Sept. 12 to 20 tournament at the National Sports Complex Stadium in Vientiane. The squad has 19 regular players in Christopher Aninzo, Clayton Izuka, James Ermitanio, Alan Hinson, Mareko Tekopua, Alex Park, Louie Calayag, Cole Chambers, Code Leon, Emannuel Aniana, Sunjoon Tenorio, Edwin Kim, Anthony Fruit, Joshua Abragan, Jonathan Capayas, Joshua De Leon, Thaiphi Austria, Chad Shankweiler, and Dai Podziewski, and reserves Albert Bergancia, John Joseph Bucayo, Logan Mister, and Jonah Pohl. Completing the team are assistant coach Wai

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Cole Chambers leads the CNMI team's training session at the Oleai Sports Complex Field last Tuesday.